

Frequently asked Questions

Do I need to purchase a score?

No. You can use your own, or download the annotated one from our website and print. You could also read it on an electronic device. You will need

- No. 9 God so loved the World
- No. 13 The Mystery of Intercession
- No. 18 Appeal of the Crucified

Why are we only doing three pieces?

We are limited by technology. We can at this present moment not process single movements that are longer than about five minutes.

How does SRS “virtual Choir” work?

There are two types of video for this project on our YouTube channel. You can watch them on your electronic device (computer, smartphone, laptop, tablet, ipad etc) at a time that suits you. You can also replay and stop them as often as you like.

The “how to?” video explains how to set up your devices to record yourself. The others are guide videos for each piece & voice part in this project. They show our MD conducting an invisible singer (no, it isn't him singing Soprano!) and pianist. You can just sing along as though you were in the same room, standing next to this soloist, joining your voice to theirs whilst listening through headphones and watching the conductor on your screen. So, you won't be singing “on your own”. It is best to have this video on full screen at head height. The bigger the screen, the better. It will help you to see the MD more clearly, keep the beat and pick up his signals.

Do I have to attend the Zoom rehearsal?

No. If you do attend, you will be asked to mute yourself as Zoom does not allow more than one person to speak/ sing at the same time. So, it will not be like a “normal” choir rehearsal. However, it is good to attend as it will give you a live communal experience – albeit socially very distanced! A recording of this rehearsal will be made available, so you can watch at your own convenience, or go over it again.

How long do I have to practise?

Four weeks. Materials will be released on our YouTube channel and website on Wednesday 17 February 2021. Submissions can be made from Sun 20 February, last date for submitting your recordings is Sunday 21 March. “Concert Day” is 28 March.

If your internet connection is slow - or you have multiple devices connected and running in your household, particularly gaming computers - the video may start

buffering while you are singing or recording. Make sure you leave enough time for re-runs before the deadline.

What if I make mistakes?

Go over tricky parts until you are satisfied before you record yourself. Minor mistakes can be ironed out by our editorial team. If you cannot reach a particular high or low note, leave it out – just like you would in a real rehearsal. If there is a sequence which you just cannot get right, skip it and pick up again from where you can, while keeping in time. Watch the conductor's beat and signals like a hawk. In particular, watch for the end of musical phrases and words, and enunciate clearly - just like in a real rehearsal.

Do I need to record a video?

No. You can produce an audio-only recording. Your voice will feature, and your name will still appear in the credits.

Do I need to record all three pieces?

No. You can submit a single piece, two or all three. Your name will appear in the credits of each piece you submit. A separate edited "choir" video will be produced for all three movements. The choir and organ will sound just like a real live performance.

How do I upload and transfer my recording?

Transferring can take quite a long time. On a slow connection it may take over an hour to transfer a single movement. If you are working with a mobile phone you need to make sure that you have enough data remaining to complete the transfer. You do not have to make or send your recordings all at once on the same day. Instead, please send each as you complete it so we avoid a logjam in the final days. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee the Palm Sunday release of the finished product.

How do I send my audio recordings/ videos?

Video & audio files are quite large, even if they are short. It is best to use a free transfer service. We recommend "WeTransfer" <https://wetransfer.com/>. You do not need to open an account, but can just upload your files. This may take an hour for each file, depending on the speed of your internet connection. The files will be automatically compressed and reach the editors' email account. Just follow the instructions on the website. It is best to send a separate email to the editors to check whether your files have arrived.

Other questions?

Contact [Question about Virtual C&S](mailto:srs.pr2019@gmail.com) (srs.pr2019@gmail.com) for a personal reply.