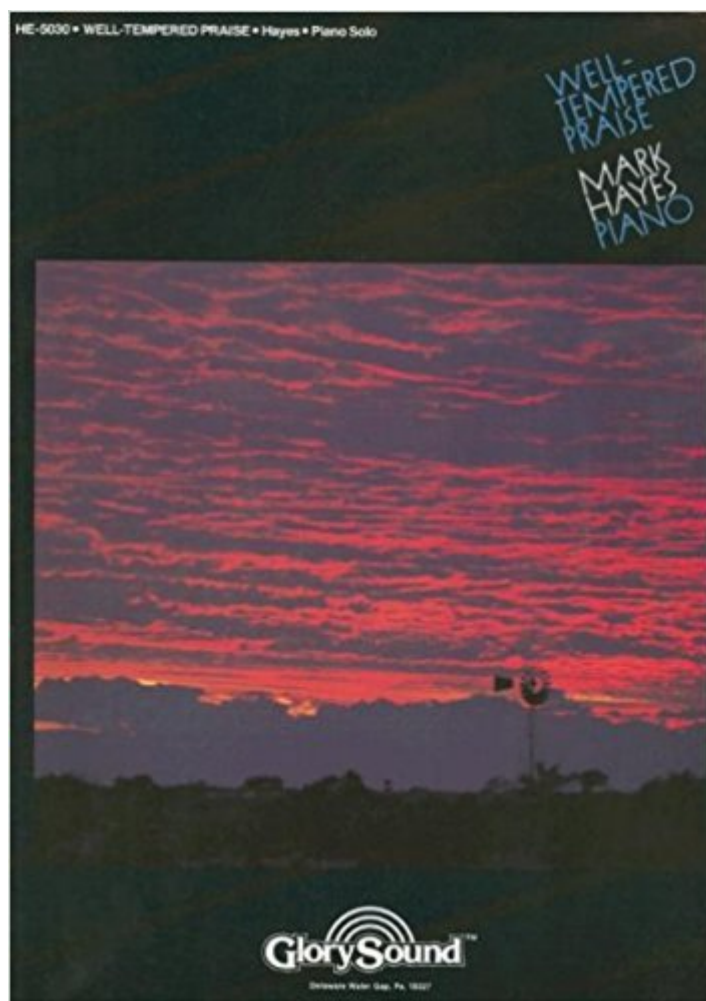


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# Well-Tempered Praise: Volume 1



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Well-Tempered Praise (Vol. 1), published in 1981, is the book that introduced Mark Hayes to the church pianist world. All the elements that have endeared him to church musicians are found in this book. The arrangements are full of beautiful, lush, rich harmonies. Mark always manages to find just the right chord and the perfect voicing. The arrangements sound advanced but they are much less difficult than they sound. With work, even an intermediate pianist can master them. This book has a nice variety of songs. There are old hymns, a couple a songs from the 60s/70s, and Christmas carols. The collection includes three medleys. All but three of these arrangements were republished in The Best of Mark Hayes and The Best of Mark Hayes - Volume 2. So if you already have those books, you may not need this one unless you're a die-hard fan trying to collect all his arrangements. The arrangements are: 1) Pass It On, (also found in the best of Mark Hayes, Vol. 2); 2)

What Child Is This?3) Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen/All Day, All Night, (also found in the best of Mark Hayes, Vol. 1);4) Interlude, (an original composition by Mark Hayes, also found in the best of Mark Hayes, Vol. 2);5) It Is Well with My Soul, (Hymn Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, also found in the best of Mark Hayes, Vol. 1);6) Carol Medley, (includes the carols Good Christian Men, Rejoice, Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, and Angels We Have Heard on High);7) The Love of Jesus Medley, (includes Jesus Loves Me, I Love You with the Love of the Lord, and Oh! How He Loves You and Me "also found in the best of Mark Hayes, Vol. 2);8) Once to Every Man and Nation, (Hymn Tune: EBENEZER. This may be more familiar to some as "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus". This is also found in the best of Mark Hayes, Vol. 1);9) The Church's One Foundation, (Hymn Tune: AURELIA).

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"Well-tempered Praise" was my introduction to the piano arrangements of Mark Hayes, several years ago. Since that time, his arrangements have become a staple in my repertoire as a church pianist. Mr. Hayes is a multi-talented individual whose piano arrangements are only one facet of his incredible music background. The arrangements in this book cover a variety of songs, most of which should be "acceptable" in any type of service, ranging from traditional to contemporary. I would consider the difficulty to be "medium" -- meaning that most of them should be playable right off-the-bat by a reasonably accomplished pianist, but will still need a fair amount of practice to achieve the "spit and polish" of performance-level playing. I have over 200 piano books of sacred arrangements, and this is one of my all-time favorites.

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