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WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

for S.A.T.B. voices with soloist, accompanied*

Words adapted from HEBREWS 11-12 by MARK HAYES

Music by MARK HAYES



* Also available for S.S.A.B (18004). Parts for 2 flutes, 2 alto and 2 tenor saxophones, baritone saxophone, 3 trumpets, 2 trombones, bass trombone, guitar, congas, bass, drums, synthesizer and director's score (18006), and a full performance/accompaniment CD (18005) are available separately.

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We've Come This Far by Faith is an exuberant praise anthem that is appropriate throughout the year and especially for church dedication, stewardship and Pentecost. Featuring a soaring solo for high voice, it also offers optional instrumental accompaniment beautifully arranged by Mark Hayes, and a fully orchestrated accompaniment track. Its text is based upon Hebrews 11 and 12; additional suggested lectionary readings include passages focusing upon Abraham's faith (Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-7; 22: 1-14; 48: 8-16; 50: 22-25), Moses' faith (Exodus 2: 1-10 and 12: 31-51) and Jesus' grace (Proverbs 3: 11-12). One basic homiletical theme is living in the faith, trusting in God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Spirit.

Mark Hayes is an award-winning concert pianist, composer and arranger of choral, piano, and orchestral music. With over 400 published works to his credit, Mark has also recorded numerous solo piano albums and has received the Gospel Music Association's prestigious Dove Award, which is equivalent to a Grammy in gospel music. A graduate of Baylor University, he has served as an adjunct professor of composition at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

