

# HOLY GROUND

*incorporating "God Himself Is With Us"*

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied\*

Words by

**GERON DAVIS**

and **GERHARD TERSTEEGEN** (1697–1769)

Incorporating tune: **ARNSBERG**

by **JOACHIM NEANDER** (1650–1680)

Music by **GERON DAVIS**

Arranged by

**PATTI DRENNAN** (ASCAP)

Stately (♩ = ca. 54)

ACCOMP. *mp*

5 SOPRANO / ALTO

*mf*

God Him - self is with us. Let us now a - dore Him,

TENOR / BASS *mf*

*mf* (opt. accomp to m.18)

9

and with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His

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13

tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, and be - fore Him

17

*rit.*

Warmly (♩ = ca. 88)

*mp*

bow with rev - 'rence.

*mp*

Warmly (♩ = ca. 88)

*rit.*

*mp (play)*

21

When I walked through the door, I sensed His

pres - ence, — and I knew this was the

place — where love a - bounds. For this

*mf* is a tem - ple, Je - ho - vah God a - bides — here,

*mf*

33

*mp*

and we are stand - ing in His pres - ence on ho - ly

*mp*

36

*rit.*

38

*a tempo*

*mf*

ground.

We are stand ing

*mf*

*a tempo*

*mf*

*rit.*

39

on ho - ly ground,

and I

42

know that there are an - gels all a - round.

46

Let us praise Je - sus

48

now. We are stand - ing in His

51

pres-ence on ho - ly ground.

54

55

*mf*

In His pres-ence, I know —

57

there is joy be-yond all mea - sure... And at His

feet sweet peace of mind can still be found.

63

For when we have a need He is still the

66

Oh, reach out and claim it. We are  
an - swer...

69

stand - ing on ho - ly ground.

72

*rit.* *f* We are stand - ing

74 Slower (♩ = ca. 83)

God is in His

*rit.* *f* Slower (♩ = ca. 83)

75

on ho - ly ground, and I

*Sub*

tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence,



know that there are an - gels all a-round.  
 pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence.

Let us praise Je - sus  
 Him a - lone, God we own.

now. We are stand - ing in His  
 To our Lord and Sav - ior, prais - es sing for

87

*mp*

pres - ence, on ho - ly ground. Ho - ly

*mp*

ev - er - more.

(opt. accomp. to m. 8)

*mp*

90

*rit.*

*p*

ground, ho - ly ground.

*p*

*rit.*

(play)

*pp*

**Holy Ground** is a pairing of Geron Davis' contemporary piece by the same name and the timeless hymn "God Himself Is with Us" making a worshipful anthem perfect for programming a blended or classic worship service. The congregation can be encouraged to join the musicians on the chorus and together be "standing in His presence on Holy Ground". This powerful anthem changes keys and with a stronger, somewhat slower chorus, the hymn and song are partnered together to create a meaningful time of worship. The vocal parts are rhythmically accessible and contain lush, moving harmonies, certainly found enjoyable to sing as well as to hear during worship or a special concert. This anthem can be sung all times of the church year and be worshipful.

**Patti Drennan** earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree at Oklahoma State University and a Masters of Music Education degree at the University of Oklahoma. She taught choral music for twenty-eight years in Norman Public Schools—the first twenty years at West Mid-High School, where she was voted "Teacher of the Year," and eight years at Norman High School, where she directed four choirs that consistently received Superior (First place) ratings. During that time she was awarded the coveted "Director of Distinction Award," given yearly by the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association. An active composer and arranger, Patti has over 400 choral octavos published with numerous major publishers. She has served as a clinician for school and church workshops in 20 states, 3 times in Canada, and has presented 4 sessions at the Texas Music Educators Convention. She has been guest director at numerous church "Composer Weekends." She has been an adjudicator for choral contests in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas. For almost ten years she served as Music and Worship Arts Director at First Baptist Church, Norman. She is married and has two grown children.