Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis) is a magnificent choral prayer by Sebastian Temple, arranged in this edition for S.A.T.B. voices by Mark Hayes. With a transcendent, universal message of peace and understanding for all, it is equally appropriate for school concerts, especially graduation or baccalaureate programs, and for worship.

Immortalized in its performance before a worldwide audience at the funeral of Princess Diana, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace was composed in the mid-1960's. The composer, Sebastian Temple, credits St. Francis with writing the piece, for it was written during a period of intense prayer in which Temple glanced at his statue of St. Francis of Assisi and asked him to compose music for the Assisi text!

In rehearsal, strive for a feeling of two pulses per measure, avoiding the templation to sing "note-for-note." To discover the naturally stressed words and syllables, speak the text softly and with feeling. To achieve a well-focused choral timbre and enhance the flow of the phrases, rehearse the entire anthem on a neutral syllable such as "noo" The 10-fold amen by Mark Hayes that is found in mm. 110-120 may be sung accompanied or a cappella as a prayer response or concert closer.

Appropriate for worship services through the year, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis) may be especially useful for All Saints', Lent, Pentecost, World Communion, funeral or memorial services, and peace services. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Numbers 6: 24-26, Psalm 85, John 14: 27 & 16: 33, and 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14. One basic homiletical theme is living in peace, guided and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Sebastian Temple was born in Victoria, South Africa, in 1928. After living in England from 1951-1958, he emigrated to the United States where he resided for the rest of his life and became a third order Franciscan monk. He dedicated much of his time to composing music for worship. He was greatly humbled by the selection of his musical setting of St. Francis' text for Princess Diana's funeral and, sadly, died very suddenly just a few months after her death.

Mark Hayes is an award winning concert pianist, composer and arranger of sacred 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 presurious 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.

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(Prayer of St. Francis)

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

Words by FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

Music by SEBASTIAN TEMPLE Arranged by MARK HAYES



* Also available for S.A.B. voices, No. 18317, and 2-part voices, No. 18318.

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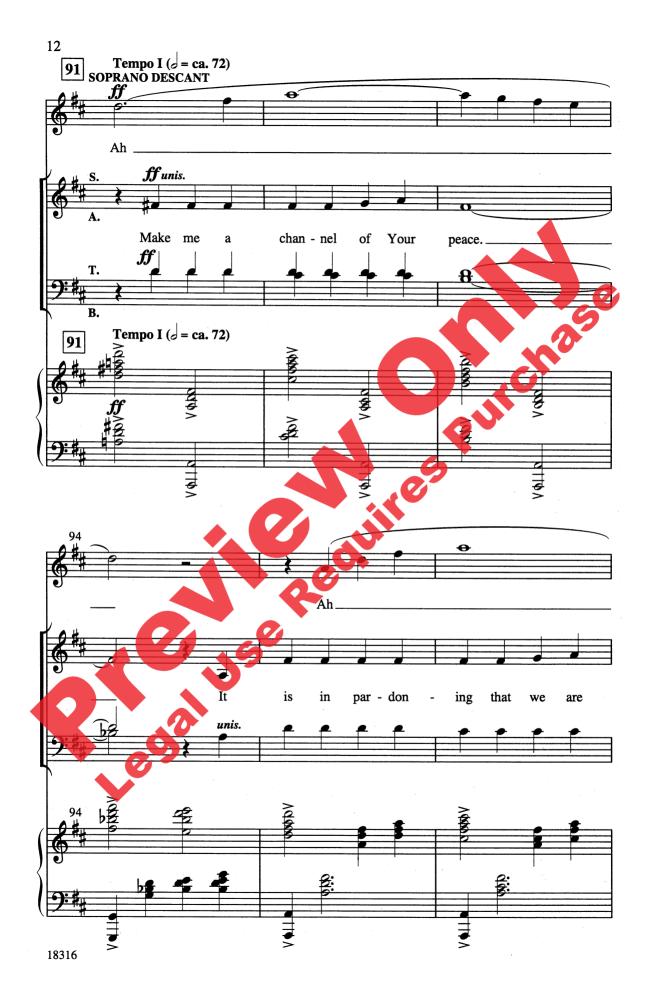




















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