



# This Is My Father's House

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**Usage:** General

**Also available:**

Downloadable Accompaniment MP3 (e99/4300L)

**Scripture references:**

Luke 2:41-49

Have you ever walked into a sanctuary and felt closer to God just by coming into the room? In our worship spaces, we commune with God and with fellow believers. These places become sacred as we open ourselves to God's Spirit. I hope this piece will help you express your love for church and all the significant things that happen there.

The anthem begins with a narrative of Jesus as a boy in the temple. Sing the words as if you are telling the story.

To allow the congregation to celebrate the text, you may have them join the choir in the recurring line, "I was glad when they said unto me..." (in m.16-17). Later, the director may then bring in the congregation to sing the line each time it appears. Even when just the men or just the women sing the phrase (as in m.27), go ahead and have them join.

The text expresses our love for the worship that happens within the church walls. However, the final statement challenges us to share the grace, love and power we experience together: "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go and share what we found here in my Father's House.'"

Sing the piece with a sense of warmth and intimacy. However, be careful not to sing it too legato. Feel the rhythm of the text as if you are speaking it naturally. A gentle emphasis on each beat will help it flow. The accompaniment should feel like a relaxed rhythm section.

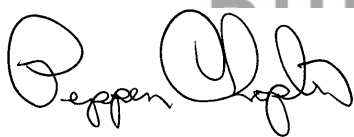
For an effective service closer:

Have accompanist play m. 42–43.

Have choir sing the main melody at m. 42–43 *twice*, then continue until the end.

Or you may choose to simply begin at m. 44.

Thank you for singing my music. I love the partnership we share as we provide music for worship experiences. Send me a note on Facebook or through my website.



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and his sacrificial love for his family and for the Adult Choir  
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SATB and Piano

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Freely ♩ = 66

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The musical score is for a SATB choir and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked 'Freely' with a tempo of 66 beats per minute. The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand, both in a key of three flats. The vocal parts enter at measure 4. The Soprano and Alto parts have a melodic line, while the Tenor and Bass parts have a more rhythmic, accompanimental line. The lyrics are: 'I re-mem-ber Je-sus' words when He was young. His par-ents there were look-ing for their Son. He said, "Why did you have to search for'.

4 SA *mp*

TB *mp*

I re-mem-ber Je-sus' words when He was young. His

7 *mf*

Alto only *mf*

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BS

10 +Soprano

me? This is my Fa-ther's house. This is where I must

13 A bit slower with a strong, steady beat ♩ = 63

be. I was glad when they said un-to me, "Let us

A bit slower with a strong, steady beat ♩ = 63

16 *mf*

go in-to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said un-to me, "Let us

*mf*

*mf*

18

go in-to the house of the Lord.” This is my Fa-ther’s house.

20

I love this ho - ly place. God’s peo - ple come to - day to

22

sing and share the gift of grace. The Spir - it draws me here

*mf*

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24

to come to the Fa-ther's throne. I know I am not a-lone for the

26

Spir-it sur-rounds, this is my Fa-ther's house. "Let us

Spir-it sur-rounds, this is my Fa-ther's. I was glad when they said un-to me,—"Let us

28

go in-to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said un-to me,—"Let us

go in-to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said un-to me,—"Let us

30

go in - to the house of the Lord." Where\_

go in - to the house of the Lord." This is my\_ Fa - ther's house

32

all are wel - comed in. I bring my\_ pain and sin where I

where all are\_ wel - comed in. I bring my\_ pain and sin where I

34

know that\_ heal - ing\_ can be - gin. When I am\_ healed by love

36

and God's a - maz - ing grace, I'm moved to join God's praise, how I

and God's a - maz - ing grace, I'm moved to join God's praise

38

love the sound when we sing God's praise here in my Fa - ther's

how I love the sound when we sing God's praise here in my Fa - ther's

40

house. Let us go in - to the house of the Lord.

house. Let us go in - to the house of the Lord, of the

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*





I was glad when they said un-to me, — “Let us go in-to the house of the Lord.”

Lord.

“Let us go in-to the house of the Lord.”



This is my\_ Fa - ther's house where I will\_ hear God's Word.

This is my\_ Fa - ther's house where I will\_ hear God's Word.



And when my\_ heart is stirred, I will go and live the things I've heard.



48

For when I leave this house, when wor-ship here is done,

50

my work has just be-gun as I go and share, when I

52

share what I've found here in my Fa-ther's house. Let us

54 *mf*

go in-to the house of the Lord. I was glad when they said un-to me— "Let us

*mf*

go in-to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said un-to me— "Let us

56

go and—share what we found here in my Fa - ther's

58

house."—

house, in my Fa - ther's house."

*mf*



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