



Foreword

I'm pleased to present my third book in the *Mark Hayes for the Intermediate Pianist* series: *Jazz Hymns for the Intermediate Pianist*. You'll find it incorporates the same features as the first two books:

- shorter arrangements
- pieces that are playable by pianists with smaller hands
- the same lush chords with fewer notes
- less use of octaves
- less complicated rhythms
- pieces that can be mastered easily
- virtually performance-ready pieces for more advanced pianists

I want to mention just a few practical considerations. Many of these songs are written in a swing style, meaning that the eighth notes have a swung quality. I have not notated them as  because it simply clutters up the page. Play them as .

Be mindful of when I change the rhythm to even eighth notes. Sometimes this change happens more than once in the same song. Be careful of accidentals when playing lush jazz chords. One wrong note can really change the color of a chord, so be diligent in getting all the notes right when you are sight-reading. Remember how hard it is to unlearn a wrong chord or passage. Some of the syncopations may seem a bit more advanced than one would expect for an intermediate player, but such is the nature of jazz. It is inherently rhythmic. I wrote what I thought best served the piece without “watering it down” too much. If in doubt about a rhythm, slow down and count it out until it feels natural.

At first jazz may seem like an odd choice for a piano book to be used in a worship setting. As my idea of God expands and grows, I am coming to understand that many musical expressions can be used to express the Divine. How many of us have not felt the urge to tap our feet or clap our hands when we hear a lively tune? That is simply us responding to the joyous spirit of God-given music through our emotions and our body. One of the fruits of the Spirit is joy. Why not express this quality of God through the beauty and uniqueness of jazz? I hope these pieces will bring a sense of wonder, praise, and gratitude for the indescribable presence of God in our lives.

—Mark Hayes

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