

Program Notes for A Quiet Place

(taken from the program notes for Songs of Hope and Promise)

Songs of Hope and Promise for chorus and organ was commissioned by St. Mark's Lutheran Church (San Francisco, CA) in celebration of their Director of Music's 25 years of service. The piece is constructed in three sections and is designed to be performed as one composite, or as individual movements that can be interspersed throughout a worship service. The text of each section, arranged by the composer, is intended to encourage the Director of Music in his ministry, as well as each singer or listener in their individual walk with God.

Section Two, *A Quiet Place*, uses passages from the books of Mark and Matthew, and speaks directly to the much needed spiritual rest that Christ provides; also, it addresses a literal, physical need to go away and spend time with God.

Then Jesus told his disciples,
"Come with me by
yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you
rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28-9