

# If God Himself Be for Me

SATB and Organ,  
with opt. Congregation, Brass Quartet, and Timpani

Paul Gerhardt  
Tr. Richard Massie, *adapt.*

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(+ Congr.)  
*mf*

Unison  
Voices

Organ

Fonds. 8', 4'

Ped.

1. If

5

God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy; For when I pray, be -

\*Organist plays bracketed material only in absence of Brass.

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Horn in F (substitute for Trombone I); Timpani] Order No. MSM-50-6309A.

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Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; Tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, *adapt.* (PD).

Tune: *IST GOTT FÜR MICH*, *Vierundzwanzig geistliche Lieder*, Augsburg, 1609 (PD).

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fore me My foes, con - found-ed, fly. If Christ, my head and

14

mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove, What foe or what dis -

18

as - ter Can drive me from his love? (- Congr.)

22

S  
A

T  
B

Unison *f*

2. I build on this foun - da - tion, That

+ Rd. 8'

*mf*

48

lone; Were he not Be - fore God's

lone; Were he not Be - fore God's

lone; Were he not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's

(3.) Were he not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's awe - some  
(judg - ment)

52

*f* Unison *mf*

throne, I nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in his

throne, nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in his

throne, nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in his

throne, nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in his

56

Slowing

Soli\*  
pp

sight,

for - ev - er.

Soli\*  
pp

sight, But be de - stroyed for - ev - er, for - ev - er.

Soli\*  
pp

tutti mf

sight, But be de - stroyed for - ev - er, for - ev - er As

mf

Div.

sight, But be de - stroyed for - ev - er As

60

a tempo

f

molto rit.

Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my light!

a tempo

f

molto rit.

Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my light!

a tempo

f

molto rit.

dark - ness by the light. Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my light!

a tempo

molto rit.

Unison

dark - ness by the light.

a tempo

molto rit.

\*Solo or small ensemble.

80

king; The heav'n I shall in - her - it Makes me re-joice and

king; The heav'n I shall in - her - it Makes me re-joice and

84

sing.

sing.