

J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas BWV 36

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NBA I/1; BC A3a/b

1 S. in Advent (BWV 61, 62, 36)

*Rom. 13:11–14 (Night is almost gone, lay aside deeds of darkness)

*Mt. 21:1–9 (Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

Librettist: probably Picander (Christian Friedrich Henrici)

(Parody: Movements 1, 3, 5, & 7 taken from BWV 36c)

Time of Composition: 1725–1730

The work has a complicated history, with 5 versions. It is

related to 3 different congratulatory cantatas (BWV 36a, 36b, 36c)

as well as to an earlier version for the first Sunday of Advent.

The first of these was BWV 36c, composed for the

birthday of a teacher in early 1725. See Martin Petzoldt,

(Parody) •Advent: The Lord of Glory draws near to Zion! (36/1). Allusion to Gospel reading (especially

"Bach Kommentar" 1:46).

See also Dürr/Jones 81–82.

Performance of final sacred version:

2 December 1731 (St. Thomas)

Instrumentation (final version):

Ob d'amore I, II

Vln I, II

Vla

SATB

Continuo

3 musical ideas in the first bar provide the motivic material:

1) triplet

2) descending scale

3) figura corta (see below for more).

Form: Part 1: Chorus - Chorale (S/A) - Aria (T) - Chorale

Part 2: Aria (B) - Chorale (T) - Aria (S) - Chorale

The chorale stanzas added to the 1731 version are from the advent hymn "Nun komm der Heiden" and "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" (more below). No recitatives!

Form: The 4-line text of movement 1 has a rhyme scheme of ABAB.

It is presented twice (with inner repeats): mm. 1–60, mm. 61–103.

These 2 sections, in turn, are divided according to their paired text lines:

Lines 1 & 2: mm. 13–33

Lines 3 & 4: mm. 42–59

Lines 1 & 2: mm. 63–75

Lines 3 & 4: mm. 80–98.

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Cantata No. 36

Schwingt freudig euch empor

**Nº 1 Coro
(Allegro)**

36/1.

$\text{♩} = 132$

up from the earth..."

Ritornello

Strings punctuate; Vln I with short triplet figures.

Vln I

Oboes d'amore

D major

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Text painting: Voices ascend imitatively in order, with rising scalar passages and triplets with melismas for "praises soaring joyfully aloft to the stars" (same text in original secular model).

13 **Soprano**

Alto

Tenore

Basso

In sections where the choral parts are contrapuntal, the orchestra is relegated to the background; in sections where the choral parts are more homophonic, the orchestral texture is more complex. See Martin Petzold citing Konrad Küster in "Bach Kommentar" 2:41.

Schwingt freu - dig euch em -
Up joy - ous raise your

Schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, schwingt
Up joy - ous raise your song, up

Schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, schwingt freudig euch em .
Up joy - ous raise your song, up joy - ous raise your

The cessation of the continuo bass (bassetto texture) on beats 2 & 3 emphasizes the heavenly, unbound nature of this praise. See side note.

D major

Figura corta



"...bestehet aus drey geschwinden Noten, deren eine allein so lang ist, als die übrigen beyde"
Johann Gottfried Walther "Musicalisches Lexicon..." [Leipzig, 1732]

{"...consists of 3 fast notes, of which one has the same value as the other two taken together."}

Albert Schweitzer interpreted the "figura corta" as a "joy motive." See Albert Schweitzer, "J. S. Bach," trans. Ernest Newman (Boston: Bruce Humphries Pub., 1962), vol. 2, pp. 65-66.

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Schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, freu - dig euch em - por
Up joy - ous raise your song, joy - ous raise your song

por, schwingt freudig euch em - por, schwingt freu - dig euch em - por
song, up joy - ous raise your song, up joy - ous raise your song

freu - - - dig euch em - por, schwingt freu - dig euch em - por
joy - - - ous raise your song, up joy - ous raise your song

por, schwingt freu - dig euch em - por
song, up joy - ous raise your song

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Original secular model has almost the same text: "und dringt bis an die Sternen."

19

zu den er . hab . nen Ster . nen,
to reach the stars of heav . en,
schwingt freu - dig euch em -
por, up joy - ous raise your

zu den er . hab . nen Ster . nen,
to reach the stars of heav . en,

zu den er . hab . nen Ster . nen,
to reach the stars of heav . en,

zu den er . hab . nen Ster . nen,
to reach the stars of heav . en,

E7 A major

22

por, schwingt freudig euch em - por,
song, up joy - ous raise your song,

schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, schwingt freu - dig euch em -
por, up joy - ous raise your song, up joy - ous raise your

schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, freu - dig euch em -
up joy - ous raise your song, joy - ous raise your

schwingt freu - dig euch em -
up joy - ous raise your

F#7

B minor

E7

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25

— freu - dig euch em - por
 — joy - ous raise your song
 por, freu - dig euch em - por
 song, joy - ous raise your song

Original secular model has almost the same text: "und dringt bis an die Sternen."

por, schwingt freudig euch em - por zu den er - hab'nen
 song, up joy - ous raise your song to reach the stars of_

por, schwingt freudig euch em - por zu den er . hab'n en Ster - nen, ihr
 song, up joy - ous raise your song to reach the stars of heav - en, ye

A major E# dim.7 C# dim.7

28

zu den er . hab'n en Ster - nen, ihr Zun -
 to reach the stars of_ heav - en, ye voic -

zu den er . hab'n en Ster - nen, zu den er . hab' - - en
 to reach the stars of heav - en, to reach the stars _ of_

Here text departs from original secular model.

NBA: itzt

Ster - nen. ihr Zun - gen, die ihr jetzt in
 heav - en, ye voic - es which in Zi - on

Zun - gen, die ihr jetzt in Zi - on fröh - lich
 voic - es which in Zi - on sing in sweet - ac

F# minor A7 D major

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NBA: itzt

- - gen, die ihr **jetzt** in Zi - on fröhlich seid.
- - es which in Zi - on sing in sweet ac - cord.

Ster - nen, ihr Zungen, die ihr **jetzt** in Zi - on fröhlich seid.
heav - en, ye voic - es which in Zi - on sing in sweet ac - cord.

Zi - on fröhlich seid, die ihr in Zi - on fröhlich seid.
sing in sweet ac - cord, which joy - ous sing in sweet ac - cord.

seid, ihr Zungen, die ihr **jetzt** in Zi - on fröhlich seid.
cord, ye voic - es which in Zi - on sing in sweet ac - cord.

Ritornello

E7 A major

34

E# dim.7 C#7 F# minor

37

A7 D major B7 E7

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Text Lines 3 & 4: mm. 42–59. The choral writing suddenly becomes homophonic for forceful "But halt!"

40

Doch hal-tet ein!
But stay ye now,

B

A major A7

A major

Literal translation: "Yet stop! The sound need not carry far, for the Lord of glory already draws near to you" (a reference to the Advent message of the incarnation).

43

Text painting: Instruments and voices alternately stop at the command to halt (same text in original secular model).

hal-tet ein!
stay ye now,

der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent.
for Christ the Son of God is

hal-tet ein!
stay ye now,

der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent.
for Christ the Son of God is

hal-tet ein!
stay ye now,

der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent.
for Christ the Son of God is

hal-tet ein!
stay ye now,

der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent.
for Christ the Son of God is

Here the text departs somewhat from original secular model.

F#7 B minor (B7) E minor

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Text painting: "Entfernen," i.e., "to distance" (used also in the original secular model) is stretched with a melisma. Compare mm. 46, 48, 53, 55, 85, 87, 92, 94.

46

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, es
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - ing, and

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen,
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - ing,

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen,
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - ing,

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen,
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - ing,

Continuo continues to play octave leaps of 8th notes on downbeats. See NBA.

D7 G major

Text painting: Scalar lines for "drawing near" (similar idea, although different words in the original secular model). Compare mm. 49, 56–57, 88, 95–96.

49

naht sich selbst zu euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der
here we soon will see the glo - ry of the Lord; for

es naht sich selbst zu euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der
and here we soon will see the glo - ry of the Lord; for

es naht sich selbst zu euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der
and here we soon will see the glo - ry of the Lord; for

es naht sich selbst zu euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der
and here we soon will see the glo - ry of the Lord; for

E minor N6 F# major F#7

B major

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52

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,
der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
for Christ the Son of God is

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,
der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
for Christ the Son of God is

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,
der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
for Christ the Son of God is

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,
der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
for Christ the Son of God is

B minor

A7

55

Scalar lines for "drawing near."

fer - - nen, es naht sich selbst zu euch, es naht sich selbst zu
com - - ing, and here we soon will see, and - here we soon will

fer - - nen, es naht - - - - - sich selbst zu
com - - ing, and here - - - - - we soon will

fer - - nen, es naht sich selbst zu euch der
com - - ing, and here we soon will see the

fer - - nen, es naht - - - - - sich selbst zu
com - - ing, and here - - - - - we soon - - - - - will

D major

F#7

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58

Christological Identifier: Lord of Glory

euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit.
see the glo - ry_ of the Lord.

euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit.
see the glo - ry_ of the Lord.

Herr der Herr - lich - keit.
glo - ry of the Lord.

euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit.
see the glo - ry_ of the Lord.

Ritornello

B minor

B minor

B minor

Martin Petzoldt notes that this (1731) version of the cantata has a textual development not present in the earlier version—a range of christological identifications for the one who comes in Advent. Rudolf Lutz suggests the corresponding affects:

- No. 1. Lord of Glory (Affect: jubilant).
- No. 2. Savior of the Gentiles, i.e., all nations (comforting, gentle, unprepossessing)
- No. 3. Son of David, the bridegroom (charming, dance-like, somewhat melancholic)
- No. 4. King of all honors (festive)
- No. 5. The one who comes to indwell (fervent, sincere, respectful)
- No. 6. One equal to the Father (powerful)
- No. 7. One honored as divine (soft, intimate, tender, subdued)
- No. 8. Member of the Trinity (mighty and eternal)

See "Bach Kommentar" 2:48, Lutz lecture at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0yzLoiWfIQ>; accessed 20 September 2022.

61

C Text Lines 1 & 2: mm. 63–75 (entire text repeats, starting at this point).

Schwingt freu - dig_euch em.
Up joy - ous_raise your

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64

Schwingt freu - dig euch em.
Up joy - ous raise your

Schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, schwingt freudig euch em - por.
Up joy - ous raise your song, up joy - ous raise your

song, up joy - ous raise your song,

Schwingt freu - dig euch em - por, schwingt freu - - dig euch em.
Up joy - ous raise your song, up joy - - ous raise your

B minor

E7

A7

67

por, freu - dig euch em - por
song, joy - ous raise your song

por, freu - dig euch em - por
song, joy - ous raise your song

schwingt freudig euch em - por zu den er - habnen Ster - nen, ihr
up joy - ous raise your song to reach the stars of - heav - en, ye

por, schwingt freudig euch em - por zu den er - habnen to reach the stars of -

D major

A# dim.7

F#7

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70

zu den er hab'nen Ster - - - nen, zu
to reach the stars of heav - - - en, to
zu den er hab'nen
to reach the stars of —
Zun - gen.
die
voic - es
Ster - - - nen ihr Zun - gen,
heav - - - en, ye voic - es

B minor C# major

72

den er hab'nen Ster - - - nen, ihr Zungen, die ihr
reach the stars of heav en, ye voic es which in
Ster - - - nen, ihr Zungen, die ihr jetzt in
heav - - - en, ye voic - - - es which in Zi on
Zi on fröh - - - lich seid, ihr Zungen, die ihr
sing in sweet ac cord, ye voic es which in
die ihr jetzt in Zi on fröh - - - lich
which in Zi on sing in sweet ac

NBA: itzt

F# minor C#7

74

jetzt in Zi - on fröh - lich seid.
Zi - on sing in sweet ac - cord.

— Zi - on fröh - lich seid.
— sing in sweet ac - cord.

jetzt in Zi - on fröh - lich seid.
Zi - on sing in sweet ac - cord.

seid, in Zi - on fröh - lich seid.
cord, which sing in sweet ac - cord.

Ritornello: Vln I has rising figure of jubilation, like a jubilus (melisma on the last syllable of "alleluia"). Compare m. 98ff.

F# minor

F# minor

F#7

76

B minor

(C#7)

F# minor

78

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Text Lines 3 & 4: mm. 80–98.

80 **D**

Doch hal - tet ein!
But stay ye now,

Doch hal - tet ein!
But stay ye now,

Doch hal - tet ein!
But stay ye now,

Doch hal - tet ein!
But stay ye now,

Doch hal - tet ein!
But stay ye now,

Text painting: Instruments stop during the command to halt, then voices stop (same text in original secular model).

hal - tet ein!
stay ye now!

This time instruments do not stop.

F# minor B7 (E7) (F# minor) E7 E7 A7
harmonic ambiguity

Text painting: "Entfernen," i.e., "to distance" (used also in the original secular model) is stretched with a melisma. Compare mm. 46, 48, 53, 55, 85, 87, 92, 94.

83

hal - tet ein! der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, der
stay ye now! for Christ the Son of God is com - ing, the

hal - tet ein! der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, der
stay ye now! for Christ the Son of God is com - ing, the

hal - tet ein! der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, der
stay ye now! for Christ the Son of God is com - ing, the

hal - tet ein! der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, der
stay ye now! for Christ the Son of God is com - ing, the

A7 D major D7 G major

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Text painting: Scalar lines for "drawing near" (similar idea, although different words in the original secular model). Compare mm. 49, 56–57, 88, 95–96.

86

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, es naht sich selbst zu euch.
Christ the Son of God is com - ing, and here we soon will see.

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, es naht sich selbst zu
Christ the Son of God is com - ing, and here we soon will

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, es naht sich selbst zu
Christ the Son of God is com - ing, and here we soon will

Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - nen, es naht sich selbst zu
Christ the Son of God is com - ing, and here we soon will

B7 E minor A major A7 D major D7

89

— der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
— the glo - ry of the Lord; for Christ the Son of God is

euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
see the glo - ry of the Lord; for Christ the Son of God is

euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
see the glo - ry of the Lord; for Christ the Son of God is

euch der Herr der Herrlich - keit; der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent -
see the glo - ry of the Lord; for Christ the Son of God is

G major A7 D major D major D7

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92

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen, es
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - - ing, and

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,

fer - - nen, der Schall darf sich nicht weit ent - fer - - nen,
com - - ing, for Christ the Son of God is com - - ing,

G major E major E7 A major

95 Word painting: Scalar lines set imitatively in descending order for "the Lord drawing near."

naht - - - - - sich - - - - - selbst - - - - - euch - - - - - der
here - - - - - we - - - - - soon - - - - will - - - - see - - - - the

es naht - - - - - sich - - - - - selbst - - - - - zu - - - - - - - - -
and here - - - - - we - - - - - soon - - - - will - - - - - - - - -

es naht - - - - - sich - - - - - selbst - - - - - zu - - - - - - - - -
and here - - - - - we - - - - - soon - - - - will - - - - - - - - -

es naht - - - - - sich - - - - - selbst - - - - - zu - - - - - - - - -
and here - - - - - we - - - - - soon - - - - will - - - - - - - - -

A7 D major A major

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97

Herr der Herrlichkeit.
glo - ry - of - the Lord.

euch der Herr der Herrlichkeit.
see the glo - ry - of the Lord.

Herr der Herrlichkeit.
glo - ry of the Lord.

euch der Herr der Herrlichkeit.
see the glo - ry - of the Lord.

Ritornello: Vln I ends with rising figure of jubilation, like a jubilus (melisma on the last syllable of "alleluia"). Compare m. 75ff.

D major

D7

99

G major

101

G major

D major

D major

The Advent chorale "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" is Luther's translation of the Ambrosian hymn "Veni redemptor gentium."

Chorale stanzas added to the 1731 version:

No. 2. Stanza 1 of "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (the Advent hymn)

No. 4. Stanza 6 of "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"

No. 6. Stanza 6 of "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"

No. 8. Stanza 1 of "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland."

36/2. N° 2 Choral (Duetto)

(Lento $\text{♩} = 100$)

(Chorale, Vs. 1) (See also 61/1, 62/1.) • Advent: The Savior of the Gentiles is coming! (36/2).

This movement is new to this version.



Form:

Rit.: mm. 1–3

Line 1: mm. 4–10

Rit.: m. 10

Line 2+1: mm. 11–20

Rit.: m. 20

Line 3: mm. 21–31

Rit.: m. 31

Line 4: mm. 32–46.

Note: The sections get progressively longer.

Ritornello

mf

F# minor

figura corta

Continuo plays first chorale phrase twice in succession, then plays a richly embellished line characterized by the figura corta. The tune is heard 4 times in the first 5 measures.

Imitative setting in which each line's opening motive is derived from the chorale's respective melodic phrase (A-S, S-A, A-S, S-A). The tune of the first phrase reappears as a unifying musical and hermeneutical element (for example, it appears in the continuo before each entry of the chorale).

Soprano

Alto

Christological Identification: Savior of Gentiles, i.e., all nations

Nun komm, der Heiden Hei -

Come Thou of man the Sa -

Chorale phrase 1 (A-S).

Nun komm, der Heiden Hei - land, der Heiden Hei -

Come Thou of man the Sa - viour, of man the Sa -

F# minor

G#7

C# minor

Expressive devices include leaps of a sixth and repeated sighing motives on "nun komm."

land, nun komm, nun komm, nun komm, der Heiden Hei -

viour, come Thou, come Thou, come Thou, of man the Sa -

land, nun komm, nun komm, nun komm, nun komm, der Heiden Hei -

viour, come Thou, come Thou, come Thou, come Thou of man the Sa -

C# minor

F#7 B minor

E7 (A major)

F# minor

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land, nun komm, der Hei den Hei - land,
viour, come Thou of man the Sa - viour,

land,
viour,

1-measure Ritornello

F# minor

F# minor

11

Chorale phrase 2 (S-A) in longer note values.

der Jung frau en Kind er kannt,
Child Thou of a Vir gin born,

der Jung
Child Thou

A major

C#7

F# minor

A major

13

Chorale phrase adjusted in thematic continuation...

der Jung frau en Kind er kannt, der Jung -
Child Thou of a Vir gin born, Child Thou

der Jung -
Child Thou

Chorale phrase adjusted in thematic continuation...

A major

B7

E major

E7

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Parallel 3rds and 6ths emphasize the sweetness of the Christchild.

Chorale text phrase 1 returns completed by phrase 2.

15

frau - - en Kind er kannt; nun komm, der Hei - den
of a Vir - gin born; come Thou of man the -
frau - - en Kind er kannt; nun komm, der Hei - den Hei - den
of a Vir - gin born; come Thou of man the Sa -

A major

17

Hei - - land, nun komm, der Hei - den Hei - land, der Jung - frau - -
Sa - viour, come Thou of man the Sa - viour, Child Thou of -
land, nun komm, der Hei - den Hei - land, der Hei - den
viour, come Thou of man the Sa - viour of man the -

A major

19

en Kind er kannt,
a Vir - gin born,
Hei - land, der Jung - frau - en Kind er kannt,
Sa - viour, Child Thou of a Vir - gin born, 1-measure Ritornello

B

B

A major

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21

Expressive devices include syncopation for the world's wonderment.

Chorale phrase 3 (A-S).

dess sich wun - dert al - le
mor - tals o - ver all the

dess sich wun - dert al - le Welt, al - - - - le
mor - tals o - ver all the earth, all the

A major G minor F#7 B minor

Evocative chord progression for
"whole world doth marvel": F#7
instead of D minor.

23

Welt, al - - - - le Welt, dess sich wun - dert al - le
earth, all the earth, mor - tals o - ver all the

Welt, al - - le Welt, earth, all the earth,

B7 E minor

E7 A major

25

Welt, al - - - - le Welt, sich wun - dert al - le, al - le
earth, all the earth, men o - ver, o - ver all the

dess sich wun - dert al - le Welt, al - - - - le
mor - tals o - ver all the earth, all the

A7 D major

F# major B minor

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Patter declamation suggests "gossiping" about the amazing news.

27

Welt, dess sich wun-dert alle Welt, dess sich wun-dert alle
earth, mor-tals o-ver all the earth, mor-tals o-ver all the

Welt, dess sich wun-dert alle, al-le Welt, sich wundert
earth, mor-tals o-ver all over all the earth, men o-ver-

B minor A7 B7 E minor A7 (D major) F#7 B minor

29

C

Welt, dess sich wundert al-le Welt, sich wundert al-le Welt:
earth, mor-tals o-ver all the earth, men o-ver all the earth:

al-all le Welt, al-all le Welt: 1-measure Ritornello
the earth, the earth, C

B minor B minor

31II

Expressive devices include chromatic inflection for "ordained such a birth" (i.e., incarnation).

Chorale phrase 4 (=1), (A-S).

Gott solch' Ge-bow down in
Gott solch' Geburt ihm be-stellt, solch' Ge-burt ihm be-
bow down in awe at Thy birth, are a-mazed at Thy-

F# minor F# minor G7

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burt ihm bestellt, solch' Ge.burt ihm bestellt, solch' Ge.burt
awe at Thy birth, are a - mazed at Thy birth, are a - mazed
stellt, birth, are a - mazed ihm be .
birth, are a - mazed at Thy
C# minor C# minor F#7 B minor

36

Chorale tune in augmentation

ihm be . stellt, Gott solch' Ge.burt ihm
at Thy birth, bow down in awe
stellt, solch' Ge.burt ihm be . stellt, Gott solch' Ge .
birth, are a - mazed at Thy birth, bow down in
E7 A major A7 (D major) E7 C#7 F# minor B# dim.7

38

Chromatic harmonies to depict the surprising nature of the birth that God ordained for Christ.

be - stellt, Gott solch' Ge.burt, in awe,-
Thy birth, bow down in awe,-
burt ihm be - stellt, Gott solch' Ge .
awe at Thy birth, bow down in awe,-
C# minor F# major A# dim.7 F#7 (B minor) E7

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solch' Ge . burt ihm be . stellt, Gott solch' Geburt ihm be .
are a - mazed at Thy birth, bow down in awe at Thy
burt ihm be . stellt, Gott solch' Ge . burt ihm bestellt, solch' Ge . burt
at Thy birth, bow down in awe at Thy birth, are a - mazed

(A major) C#7 F# minor F# minor

42

stellt, solch' Ge . burt ihm be . stellt, Gott solch' Geburt ihm be .
birth, are a - mazed at Thy birth, bow down in awe at Thy
— ihm bestellt, Gott solch' Ge . burt ihm be . stellt,
— at Thy birth, bow down in awe at Thy birth,

F#7 (B minor) E major E major E7 A major

Literal translation: "That God ordained such a birth for him."

44

stellt, Gott solch' Ge . burt ihm be . stellt, Gott solch' Ge .
birth, bow down in awe at Thy birth, bow down in
— Gott solch' Ge . burt ihm bestellt, Gott solch' Ge .
— bow down in awe at Thy birth, bow down in

Surprising chromatic harmonies to depict the surprising nature of the birth that God ordained for Christ.

B(7) E major F#(7) F#7 B minor C#7 F# minor

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burt ihm be_stellt.
awe at Thy birth.

Ritornello

F# minor

48

F# minor

36/3. Da capo (Parody)
Nº 3. Aria (Andante $\text{♩} = 104$)

Minuet-like dance rhythm in periodic phrase structure.

Instrumentation"
Oboe d'amore I
and continuo.

Ob d'amore I

Ritornello derived from vocal part.

B minor B minor A7

This type of aria is called a "Devisenarie" (a term coined by Hugo Riemann) or "motto aria." After the ritornello, the singer presents the first phrase of the aria as a kind of motto. This is followed by a short instrumental bridge before the aria proper begins. THE MOTTO SETS THE TONE (and the literary perspective) for the movement.

D major D major D major B7 E major F#7 B minor

The text is reminiscent of biblical passages such as Song of Solomon 1:4 ("Draw me after you, let us make haste...."), Hosea 11:4, Jeremiah 31:3, John 12:32, as well as the Gospel reading, which notes that "the crowds...went before him and...followed him" (Matthew 21:9).

14 Tenore A

Text painting: Scalar 16th-note figures for "drawing/pulling" (later occasionally in the continuo).

Christological Identification:
Son of David, the bridegroom

Die Lie - be zieht mit sanf - ten Schritten,
In gen - tle fash - ion love - en - deav - ors
Literal translation: "Love draws with soft steps."

B minor

Text painting: The bass depicts the "soft steps" referenced in the text (same words are used in original secular model).

21

die Lie - be zieht mit
in gen - tle fash - ion

B minor E7 A major F#7 B minor B minor

27

Text painting: Sequential appoggiatura figures for "pulling/drawing." In original secular model, the word is "führt" (leads).

sanf ten Schritten sein Treu - ge - lieb - tes all - ge - mach, die Lie - be
love - en - deav - ors to lure - the loved one, - mod - est - ly; in gen - tle

B minor A7 D major F#7

34

zieht mit sanf - ten Schrit - ten sein Treuge - lieb - tes all - ge -
fash - ion love - en - deav - ors to lure the loved one, mod - est -

B minor B major B7 E minor A# dim.7 B minor

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40

mach,
ly;— die. Lie - be_ zieht mit sanf - ten
in gen - tle_ fash - ion love — en .

B minor A7 D major D# dim.7 E minor
B7

46

Schritten sein Treu - ge - lieb - tes all - ge - mach,
deav - ors to lure _ the loved _ one, mod - est - ly;—

E minor F#7 B minor B minor B minor
B7

Text painting: Long melisma on "gradually." In original secular model, the word is "liebt" (loves).

52

sein Treu -
to lure —

B7 E minor F# major

Text painting: The halting bass figure suggests "drawing/pulling." It recalls the opening line (also in the original secular model) of "soft steps."

58

ge - lieb - tes all - ge - mach,
the loved one, mod - est - ly,

A# dim.7 B minor B minor G major E minor
deceptive cadence B7 E minor E minor

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In original secular model, the word is "Herz" (heart).

64

sein Treu ge liebtes all - - - - - ge mach.
to lure the loved one, mod - - - - est ly:

Ritornello

E minor A# dim.7 B minor B minor

70

B minor A7 D major

76

D major B7 E minor E minor F#(7) B minor

Word painting: Embellished vocal part (with figura corta) and animated continuo line for "enchants."

83

C

Gleich wie es ei ne Braut ent zük ket, wenn
As when a maid en shy ly peer ing, her

R.H. L.H.

B minor E major A major

89

sie den Bräu ti gam er blik ket, so folgt ein Herz
lov er greets with glance en dear ing, the lov ing hearts

F# major (B minor) chromatic delay of resolution F# minor F# minor

The image of Jesus as bridegroom links to the following chorale.

The chromatic harmonic wandering seems particularly suitable for the original secular text (see side note).



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auch Je . su nach.
draw near_ to_ Thee.

Ritornello

F# minor F# minor

101

D

Gleich . wie es ei . ne Braut ent .
As when a maid - en shy - ly

F# minor E major E7 A major A major B(7) E minor D7

108

zük . ket,wenn sie den Bräu . ti . gam er . blik . ket, so folgt ein Herz auch
peer-ing, her lov - er greets with glance en - dear-ing, the lov - ing hearts draw

The "drawing/pulling" motive continues with this new text.

G major A7 D major

115

Anticipations/appoggiaturas reinforce the motto idea of "drawing/pulling."

Je . su nach, so folgt ein Herz auch Je . su nach, so folgt
nigh to Thee, the lov - ing hearts draw nigh to Thee, the lov -

D major D major D major G major

See note above concerning chromatic harmonic wandering.

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ein Herz, so folgt ein Herz auch Je - su - nach.
- - - - ing hearts, do do our hearts draw nigh - - - to - - Thee.
Text painting: Continuo imitates voice for "a heart following after Jesus."

G major A⁷
D major

Stanza 6 of "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern." In the earlier version, Bach used this chorale setting to end the cantata (but with the 7th and last stanza).

• Advent: Meet king Jesus, my bridegroom, with music! (36/4).
Dal Segno

36/4.

Nº 4 Choral (Mel: „Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern“)

(7) Soprano

+Oboe d'amore I, Vln I
Zwingt die Saiten in Cy - tha - ra und lasst die sü - sse Mu - si - caganz
dass ich mö - ge mit Je - sulein, dem wunder - schö - nen Bräut'gammein in
Strike strong the string on lute and lyre, with harp and haut - boy, song - and choir and
for Christ the Sa - viour will be born; the joy - ful ti - dings, this bright morn, thru

Alto.

+Oboe d'amore II, Vln II
Zwingt die Saiten in Cy - tha - ra und lasst die sü - sse Mu - si - ca ganz
dass ich mö - ge mit Je - sulein, dem wunder - schö - nen Bräut'gammein in
Strike strong the string on lute and lyre, with harp and haut - boy, song and choir and
for Christ the Sa - viour will be born; the joy - ful ti - dings, this bright morn, thru

Tenore.

+Vla
Zwingt die Saiten in Cy - tha - ra und lasst die sü - sse Mu - si - caganz
dass ich mö - ge mit Je - sulein, dem wunder - schönen Bräut'gammein in
Strike strong the string on lute and lyre, with harp and haut - boy, song and choir and
for Christ the Sa - viour will be born; the joy - ful ti - dings, this bright morn, thru

Basso.

Zwingt die Saiten in Cy - tha - ra und lasst die sü - sse Mu - si - caganz
dass ich mö - ge mit Je - sulein, dem wunder - schönen Bräut'gammein in
Strike strong the string on lute and lyre, with harp and haut - boy, song and choir and
for Christ the Sa - viour will be born; the joy - ful ti - dings, this bright morn, thru

D major D major A major A major D major

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5 (11)



freudenreich er - schal - len,
ste - ter Lie - be wal - len.
hap - py voic - es sing - ing,
out the world are ring - ing.

Sin - get, sprin - get, ju - bi - li - ret,
Hal - le - lu - ja! sound your cym - bals,

freudenreich er - schal - len,
ste - ter Lie - be wal - len.
hap - py voic - es sing - ing,
out the world are ring - ing.

Sin - get, sprin - get, ju - bi - li - ret,
Hal - le - lu - ja! sound your cym - bals,

freudenreich er - schal - len,
ste - ter Lie - be wal - len.
hap - py voic - es sing - ing,
out the world are ring - ing.

Sin - get, sprin - get, ju - bi - li - ret,
Hal - le - lu - ja! sound your cym - bals,

freudenreich er - schal - len,
ste - ter Lie - be wal - len.
hap - py voic - es sing - ing,
out the world are ring - ing.

Sin - get, sprin - get, ju - bi - li - ret,
Hal - le - lu - ja! sound your cym - bals,

Text painting: Animated bass line for "jubiliret" and
"triumphiret."

16

D major

D major

tri - umphi - ret, dankt dem Her - ren! Gross ist der Kö - nig der Eh - ren.
clang your tim-brels, loud - er, fast - er! Thank - ful glo - ri fy our Mas - ter.

tri - umphi - ret, dankt dem Her - ren! Gross ist der Kö - nig der Eh - ren.
clang your tim-brels, loud - er, fast - er! Thank - ful glo - ri fy our Mas - ter.

tri - umphi - ret, dankt dem Her - ren! Gross ist der Kö - nig der Eh - ren.
clang your tim-brels, loud - er, fast - er! Thank - ful glo - ri fy our Mas - ter.

tri - umphi - ret, dankt dem Her - ren! Gross ist der Kö - nig der Eh - ren.
clang your tim-brels, loud - er, fast - er! Thank - ful glo - ri fy our Mas - ter.

D major

D major

Fine della prima parte

Seconda Parte

This part was performed during Communion (after the sermon). The heavenly wedding celebration referenced in the text is thus linked with the Eucharist.

36/5. **Nº 5. Aria** (Parody)

•Advent: Welcome, heavenly bridegroom, into my heart! (36/5).

(Tempo giusto $\text{d} = 72$) Like the opening movement, this movement features the figura corta and triplets.

Instrumentation:
Strings (Vln I leads)
& Continuo

Form:

Rit. (mm. 1-8):
DM-AM

A (line 1, mm. 1-20):
DM-AM

Rit. (21-24): AM

B (lines 2-4, mm. 25-33):
AM-Bm

Rit. (34)

A' (lines 1-4, mm. 36-56):
Bm-DM

Rit. (57-65): DM

Note that the "recap"
repeats all 4 lines of the
text and that the form
does not follow the
rhyme scheme of AABB.

Ritornello derived
from vocal
opening.

D major

D7 G major

A major

D major

D major

E7

A major

A major

Text Line 1.

Text painting: Welcoming
gesture, like a wave.

8 Basso

A

Christological Identification: The one who comes to indwell the believer.

Will - kommen, will kommen, werther
All hail Thou, all hail Thou, heart's de-

A major D major D major

10II

Schatz, will kommen, werther Schatz,
light, all hail Thou, heart's de-light,—

will - kom - - - men,
all hail ————— Thou,

D7

G major

A major

A7

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13

wer - - - ther Schatz, will - kommen, will - kommen, werther Schatz, will -
heart's de - light, all hail Thou, all hail Thou, heart's de - light, all

D major E7 A major D major D7 G major

15II

kommen, will - kommen, werther Schatz. wer - - - ther Schatz. will -
hail Thou, all hail Thou, heart's de - light, all

E7 A major D major

18

kom - - - men, will - kommen, will - kommen, will -
hail Thou, all hail Thou, all hail Thou, all

E7 A major A major

20

kom - - - men, wer - - - ther Schatz!
hail Thou, heart's de - light!

B
Ritornello

A major

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23

A7 D major E major E7

24

Text Line 1. figura corta

Die Lieb' und Glau-be, die Lieb' und
In love and wor-ship, in love and

A major A7 R.H. D major

Literal translation: "Love and faith make room before thee in this pure heart. Come dwell with me."

26II

Glau - be, die Lieb' und Glau-be machet Platz, die Lieb' und Glau-be machet
wor - ship, in love and and wor-ship- I — in - vite, in love and wor-ship- I — in -

R.H.

G major B7 E minor E minor A(7) D major

29

NBA: vor

Platz für dich in meinem Herzen rein; zieh' bei mir ein, zieh' bei mir
vite Thy pres - ence in my in - most heart. Stay not_ a - part, stay not_ a -

D major F# major B minor B minor

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31II NBA: vor

ein, **für** dich in meinem Herzen rein, zieh' bei mir ein!
part, come dwell in my in-most heart, stay not a part!

B minor

Written-out "da capo" expanded to include the entire text, summed up in mm. 54–56: "Willkommen, werter Schatz, zieh bei mir ein."

34 C

Ritornello

Text Lines 1–4. Willkommen, willkommen, werther
All hail Thou, all hail Thou, heart's de-

B minor A(7)

36II

Schatz, will kommen werther Schatz,
light, all hail Thou, heart's delight,

D major D7 G major

39

wer ther Schatz! die Lieb und Glau be, die Lieb und
heart's delight! In love and worship, in love and

D major A major

R. H.

B7

D major A major B7 E minor

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41^{II}

Glau . be, die Lieb' und Glau . be_ machen Platz, die Lieb' und Glau . be_ machen
wor- ship, in love_ and wor - ship - I _ in - vite, in love and wor - ship I _ in -

R. H.

A7 D major D7 G major B7 E minor

44 NBA: vor

Platz für dich in meinem Her . zen rein; zieh bei_ mir ein!
vite Thy pres - ence in my in - most heart. Stay note a - part!

E minor D major A major dominant preparation...

46

Die Lieb' und Glaube, die Lieb' und Glaube machen
In love_ and wor-ship, in love_ and wor - ship I _ in -

D major D7

48^{II}

Platz in mei . nem Herzen_rein; zieh' beimir ein, zieh' beimir ein,
vite Thy pres - ence in_ my_ heart. Stay not a - part, stay- not a - part,

G major A major D major

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51 D

zieh' bei mir ein,
stay not a - part,
zieh' bei mir ein,
stay not a - part,

D major D7 G major

53

wer - - .ther Schatz, zieh' bei mir ein,
heart's de - light, stay - not a - part,
will - . all

A7 D major

Written-out "da capo" (beginning at m. 34) expanded to include the entire text, summed up in mm. 54–56: "Willkommen, werter Schatz, zieh bei mir ein."

55

kommen, werther Schatz, zieh' bei mir ein!
hail Thou, heart's de-light, stay not a - part!

Ritornello

A7

57II

D major D7 G major A7 D major

G major A major D major

D major

Marked "Molt' allegro" (rare for Bach), this movement is obviously intended to sound aggressive, presumably to underscore the text's reference to God's power overcoming the weak flesh (i.e., human nature). See more below.

Chorale stanzas added to the 1731 version:
No. 2. Stanza 1 of "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"
No. 4. Stanza 6 of "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"
No. 6. Stanza 6 of "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"
No. 8. Stanza 1 of "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland."

36/6. Tenor. Stanza 6 of "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"
•Prayer: Conquer flesh so it may hold thy divine power (36/6).

This movement is new to this version. The chosen stanza is suitable for its liturgical placement here during Communion.

Nº 6. Choral (Mel: „Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland“)

Instrumentation: Trio for 2 oboes d'amore and continuo, while tenor intones the chorale. If the imitative trio texture symbolizes the Trinity, the choice of oboes d'amore (unusual for an aggressive aria), may suggest God tempering the fight against the flesh with love.

B minor

Ostinato-like bass. Alfred Dürr suggests the lively oboe d'amore figuration "seems to represent the battle and victory of God's Son over the 'ailing flesh' of mankind." (See Dürr/Jones, 83). Martin Petzoldt suggests that the ostinato bass figures, dogmatic text, and unembellished chorale melody give the movement a severe cast, portraying Christ's victory over the flesh in his death. See "Bach Kommentar" 2:48. The imitation between (equality of) the oboes d'amore may symbolize the equality of Son and Father, referenced in the opening line; together with the energetic continuo line, they may represent the Trinity (see m. 53).

A7 D major F#7

Continuo bass repeats primary figure like an ostinato. The figure apparently refers to "Gott's Gewalt" (God's might), as referenced in the third line of the chorale text.

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Unembellished chorale melody with energetic accompaniment. Tune set a fourth higher than in no. 2.

8 **Tenore**

A

Christological Identification:
One equal to the Father.

Der Chorale phrase 1.
Thou

du

the

B minor

B minor

11

bist dem Va - - - ter
Fa ther of us

F# minor A7 D major B minor F#7

15

gleich,
all,

Ritornello

B minor A7 D major G major A# dim.7

19

B Chorale phrase 2.

führ' lead hin us

F#7 B minor B minor

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23

aus ev den er Sieg lest im we

A7 D major D major D7

Tortured harmonic progressions depict the fight against the flesh.

27

Fleisch,
fall;

Ritornello

G major A major F# minor D major B minor E minor

31

dass
by

A7 D major D major

C Chorale phrase 3.

34

dein'
Thy e ev - - - - wig'
er

D major (B minor) G major

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Gott's - - - ge - - - walt
last - - - ing
Ritornello

A# dim.7 F# minor B7

40

E minor D7 G major

43

B7 E minor

46 **D** Chorale phrase 4.

in uns das krank'
guide our fee ble

E minor A7 D major B minor

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Text painting: Held note in the voice part for "holding" or enfolding the power of God, with overlapping ritornello (its trio texture possibly representing the Triune God).

Fleisch
flesh
ent
a
halt
right.
Ritornello

B minor

L. H.

A7 D major G major

A# dim.7 F# B minor B minor

36/7.

Nº 7 Aria

(Parody) •Praises that are weak but sincere heard in heaven (36/7). This movement (with the same text) appeared as

movement 4 in the early version of this cantata. The first line of text is identical also to the first line (5 words) in the original secular model. The secular original likewise speaks of an inability to express something adequately. See Petzoldt, "Bach

Kommentar" 2:38–39.

(Lento $\text{♩} = 56$)

Vln I (muted)

Ritornello

G major

Regarding the significance of G major, see side note.

3

The text's emphasis on weak, inarticulate praises reflects the biblical accounts that it was the children, the weak, the blind, and the lame who praised Jesus. See Petzoldt, "Bach Kommentar" 2:43. Immediately following the day's Gospel reading the writer records, "But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' they were indignant; and they said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' And Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise"?' (Matthew 21:14-16).

Form:
A.
Rit: mm. 1-8
Lines 1-2: 9-11
Rit: 11-12
Lines 1-2: 13-27
Rit: 27-35
B.
Lines 3-5: 35-42
Rit: 42-43
Lines 3-5: 44-52
Da capo



9 A Soprano Christological Identification: One honored as divine.



Auch mit **ge-dämpften**, schwa-chen Stimmen wird Got - tes Ma - je-stät ver -
Though with **un-wor - thy fee - ble voic - es we seek** to praise God's might - y

Word painting: Muted violin obbligato ("gedämpft" = muted or subdued) reflects frailty, referenced in the text. The contour of the obbligato (rising, then falling back) may also be intended to suggest frailty.

G major G7 C major

This type of aria is called a "Devisenarie" (a term coined by Hugo Riemann) or "motto aria." After the ritornello, the singer presents the first phrase of the aria as a kind of motto. This is followed by a short instrumental bridge before the aria proper begins. The MOTTO SETS THE TONE (and the literary perspective) for the movement. The approach seems particularly appropriate in an aria such as this one with rhyme scheme ABBCC.



11
ehrt,
name,

Ritornello

D7 G major

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13

aus mit gedämpften, schwachen Stimmen wird Got - tes Ma - je - stät ver -
though with un - wor - thy fee - ble voic - es we seek to praise God's might - y

G major

15

ehrt, mit ge-dämpf-ten, schwachen Stim - men, mit ge-dämpf-ten, schwachen Stim - men
name, with un - wor - thy fee - ble voic - es, with un - wor - thy fee - ble voic - es

Lowered note for "subdued."

G major

G7

17

wird Got - tes Ma - je - stät ver - ehrt, auch mit ge -
we seek to praise - God's might - y name, though with un -

Word painting: Melismas and echoes for "glorify/honor God's majesty." See below (B section) for more on echo effects.

C major

G major

D# dim.7

19

dämpf-ten, schwachen Stimmen wird Got - tes Ma - je - stät verehrt. Gottes Ma -
wor - thy, fee - ble voic - es we seek to praise God's might - y name, seek to praise

Lowered note for "weak."

E minor

G major

G7

C major

A7

D major

B7

E minor

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Word painting: Melisma for "majesty."

21

je - stät ver - ehrt, mit ge - dämpf - ten, schwachen Stim - men,
God's might - y — name, with un - wor - thy, fee - ble voic - es,

G major

D7

Lowered note for "weak."

23

mit ge - dämpf - ten, schwachen Stim - men wird Got - tes Ma - je - stät_ ver -
with un - wor - thy, fee - ble voic - es we seek_ to praise_ God's might - y

G major G7 C major D7 G major

Word painting: Melisma for "glorify/honor."

25

ehrt, wird Got - tes Ma - je - stät_ ver -
name, we seek_ to praise God's might - y

G major

B

ehrt!
name!

Ritornello

27

G major

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G major

G7

C major

D major

G major

In the context of the biblical passage that follows the Gospel reading of the day, Matthew 21:14–16 ("But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' they were indignant; and they said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' And Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise?"'" [Psalm 8:2]), it appears that "Geist" refers to the human spirit rather than the Holy Spirit. Thus the text references sincere, heartfelt worship as opposed to mere lip service. If, as Martin Petzoldt argues, the Holy Spirit is meant, the text may be alluding to scriptures such as Galatians 4:6: "Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

B section. Text painting: Echo effects for "schallet" (to resound). The word is the same in the original secular model, though used in a context perhaps better suited for echo effects "Es schallet kräftig in der Brust" (It resounds mightily in the breast). See Petzoldt 2:43.

G major

E minor

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37

denn schal -
re - sound -

D7 G major E minor

39

NBA: darbei

let nur der Geist da - bei, so ist ihm sol - ches ein - Ge -
ing loud, our soul's ac - - claim goes up - with such a pierc - ing

B major F# major B minor

41

schrei, solches ein - Ge - schrei, das er - im - Himmel sel - ber - hört;
cry, such a pierc - ing cry, it reach - es - God in heav - en - high;

Ritornello

B minor

43

D Echoes continue...

denn schallet nur - der Geist da - -
re - sound-ing loud, - our soul's ac - -

B minor B minor E7

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45 NBA: darbei

bei,
claim,
denn schal - re - sound -
A major D major

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let - ing
D major

48II

NBA: darbei
nur der Geist da - bei, so ist ihm sol - ches ein Ge -
loud, our soul's ac - claim goes up with such a pierc - ing
D7 E7 G major

50

> > >
schrei, das er im Himmel sel - - - ber, im Himmel sel - - - hört.
cry, it reach - es God in heav - - - en, to God in heav - en high.
hemiola
A major F#7 B minor A7 Da capo
D major

36/8.

Nº 8 Choral (Mel: „Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland“)

Soprano

NBA: ton

Set a forth higher
than in movement
no. 2.

Soprano:

Lob sei Gott dem Va - ter g'thon, Lob sei Gott sein'm ein' - gen Sohn,
Praise to God sing ev' - ry one, God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Alto:

Lob sei Gott dem Va - ter g'thon, Lob sei Gott sein'm ein' - gen Sohn,
Praise to God sing ev' - ry one, God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Tenor:

Lob sei Gott dem Va - ter g'thon, Lob sei Gott sein'm ein' - gen Sohn,
Praise to God sing ev' - ry one, God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Basso:

Lob sei Gott dem Va - ter g'thon, Lob sei Gott sein'm ein' - gen Sohn,
Praise to God sing ev' - ry one, God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

Key changes: B minor, B minor, B minor, D major.

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Soprano:

Lob sei . Gott dem heil' - gen Geist im - mer und in E - wig - keit!
God the Ho - ly Ghost a - dore; praise them now and ev - er - more!

Alto:

Lob sei Gott dem heil' - gen Geist im - mer und in E - - wigkeit!
God the Ho - ly Ghost a - dore; praise them now and ev - - er more!

Tenor:

Lob sei Gott dem heil' - gen Geist im - mer und in E - wig - keit!
God the Ho - ly Ghost a - dore; praise them now and ev - er - more!

Basso:

Lob sei Gott dem heil' - gen Geist im - mer und in E - wig - keit!
God the Ho - ly Ghost a - dore; praise them now and ev - er - more!

Key changes: D major, F# major, B minor, C#7, F# minor, F#7, B minor, B major.