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21. S. after Trinity (BWV 109, 38, 98, 188)

*Ephesians 6:10-17 (The armor of the Christian)

*John 4:461-54 (Christ heals the son of a royal official)

Librettist: Picander (Christian Friedrich Henrici)

FP: probably 17 October 1728 (Leipzig: St. Nicholas).

This cantata is from Bach's Leipzig Cantata Cycle IV
(the "Picander Cycle"). See note for details.

Several cantatas in Bach's "Picander cycle" continue Bach's recent tendency in Cycle III to adapt movements from earlier instrumental works for introductory sinfonias (among these works are BWV 188, 156, 174). The cantata libretto is in chiastic form. Bach often used chiastic (x-shaped/symmetrical) forms, in which center movements (where the mirror image begins) provide the crux of the matter. There antithetical elements meet or are paradoxically inverted (formal inversion reflects an aspect of reversal or turning in the text).

J.S. Bach

Cantata No. 188

Ich habe meine Zuversicht

Trusting God in distress and tribulation

1.(Sinfonia) *)

188/1.

1.

Based on the 3rd movement
of an earlier, nonextant
concerto (NOT on the first
movement as given here—see note.)

The autograph score of the cantata was dismembered into 14 fragments, now in 10 different locations (see note at no. 4 for more). The original set of parts is lost as are the first 248 measures of the first movement. However, the opening movement can be reconstructed since it is clear that it is based on the tumultuous final movement of a lost concerto that survives in the form of two arrangements for harpsichord—BWV 1052 (an autograph by J. S. Bach) and 1052a (a set of parts by C.P.E. Bach). Similarly, the first two movements of the original concerto appear as arrangements with organ in Cantata 146. In both cantatas, Bach arranged the solo part of the concerto model for obbligato organ, adding 2 oboes and *taille*. For more details, see *Johann Sebastian Bach. The Sacred Vocal Music Complete Edition. Cantatas* (Stuttgart: Carus Verlag, 2017), vol. 15, pp. 583-584. (Pieter Dirksen, translated by David Kosviner).

Instrumentation:



Ob I, II

Taille

Vln I, II

Vla

SATB



Organo Obbligato (see note)

Contino

Evidently, the arranger had no knowledge of the existing autograph fragment and instead used the first movement of the harpsichord concerto BWV 1052. The autograph fragment shows that the movement is actually based on BWV 1052/3. A reconstruction by Pieter Dirksen is available from Carus Verlag.

4

7

9

11

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The image displays six staves of musical notation for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188. The notation is written in two systems, each consisting of two staves. The top staff in each system is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 14 begins with a forte dynamic in G minor. Measure 17 features a melodic line in the treble staff with grace notes. Measure 20 shows a complex harmonic progression with frequent key changes. Measure 23 is characterized by eighth-note patterns in both staves. Measure 25 continues the rhythmic pattern established in measure 23. Measure 27II concludes the section with a final cadence.

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The musical score consists of six staves of music, likely for a church cantata. The staves are arranged vertically, each with a clef (G or F), a key signature, and a time signature. Measure numbers 45, 47, 49, 51^{II}, 54, and 57 are indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. The music features various note values (eighth, sixteenth, thirty-second), rests, and dynamic markings. The basso continuo part is shown with a bass clef and a thick line indicating sustained notes. The vocal parts are shown with soprano and alto clefs.

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Musical score page 60. The top staff shows a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of two staves with six measures each. Measure 1 starts with a half note followed by eighth-note pairs. Measures 2-3 show eighth-note pairs with various accidentals. Measures 4-5 show eighth-note pairs with different patterns. Measure 6 ends with a half note.

Musical score page 63. The top staff shows a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of two staves with four measures each. Measures 1-2 show eighth-note pairs with accidentals. Measures 3-4 show eighth-note pairs with different patterns.

Musical score page 65. The top staff shows a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of two staves with four measures each. Measures 1-2 show eighth-note pairs with accidentals. Measures 3-4 show eighth-note pairs with different patterns.

Musical score page 67. The top staff shows a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of two staves with four measures each. Measures 1-2 show eighth-note pairs with accidentals. Measures 3-4 show eighth-note pairs with different patterns.

Musical score page 69. The top staff shows a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of two staves with five measures each. Measures 1-2 show eighth-note pairs with accidentals. Measures 3-4 show eighth-note pairs with different patterns. Measure 5 ends with a half note.

Musical score page 71. The top staff shows a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff shows a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of two staves with five measures each. Measures 1-2 show eighth-note pairs with accidentals. Measures 3-4 show eighth-note pairs with different patterns. Measure 5 ends with a half note.

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The image displays six staves of musical notation, likely for organ or harpsichord, arranged vertically. The notation is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 73 starts with a forte dynamic. Measures 74-76 show a continuous pattern of eighth-note chords. Measure 77 begins with a forte dynamic and features sustained notes with grace notes. Measures 78-80 continue the eighth-note chordal pattern. Measure 81 shows a transition with a melodic line over a harmonic background. Measures 82-83 conclude the section with a final melodic flourish.

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Musical score for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188, page 8, measures 102-103. The score consists of two staves: treble and bass. The treble staff features a continuous stream of sixteenth-note patterns, primarily in eighth-note groups. The bass staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes and occasional eighth-note chords.

Musical score for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188, page 8, measures 104I-104II. The treble staff shows eighth-note pairs followed by eighth-note chords. The bass staff includes sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188, page 8, measures 107-108. The treble staff contains eighth-note pairs and eighth-note chords. The bass staff includes sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188, page 8, measures 109-110. The treble staff features eighth-note pairs and eighth-note chords. The bass staff includes sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188, page 8, measures 111-112. The treble staff contains eighth-note pairs and eighth-note chords. The bass staff includes sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188, page 8, measures 113-114. The treble staff features eighth-note pairs and eighth-note chords. The bass staff includes sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

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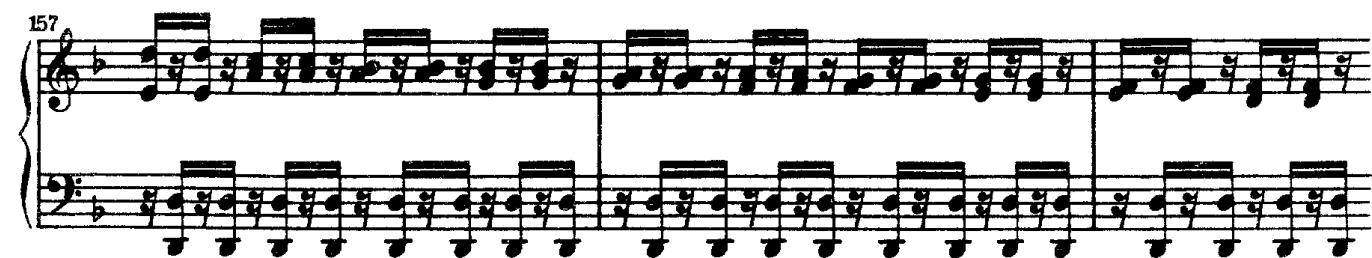
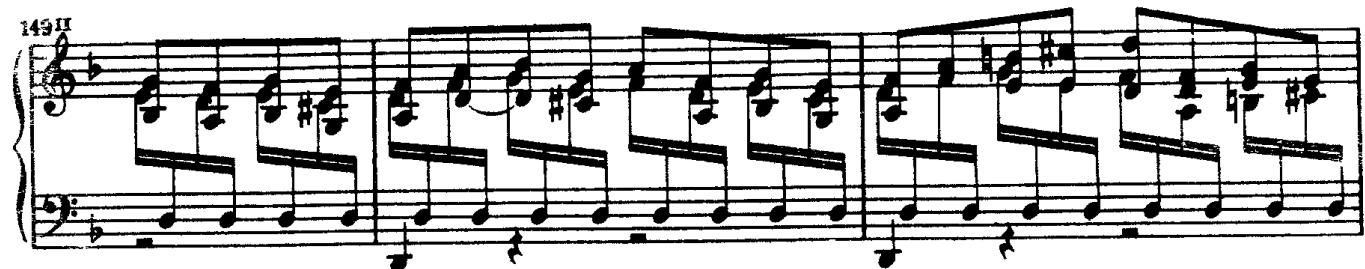
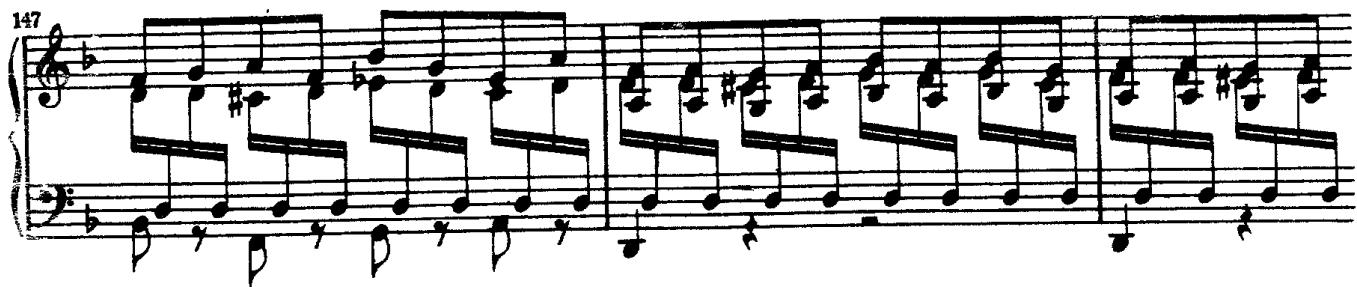
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The image displays six staves of musical notation for two voices and basso continuo, typical of J.S. Bach's church cantatas. The notation is in common time, with various key signatures (G major, C major, F major, D major, A major, E major) indicated by sharp or flat symbols.

- Measure 131:** Treble and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. Basso continuo provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.
- Measure 134:** Treble and alto voices continue their eighth-note patterns. Basso continuo provides harmonic support.
- Measure 137:** Treble and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. Basso continuo provides harmonic support.
- Measure 139II:** Treble and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. Basso continuo provides harmonic support.
- Measure 142:** Treble and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. Basso continuo provides harmonic support.
- Measure 144II:** Treble and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. Basso continuo provides harmonic support.

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The image displays six staves of musical notation, likely for organ or harpsichord, arranged vertically. The notation is in common time, featuring a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. Measure 162 (measures 1-4) shows rapid sixteenth-note patterns in the upper voices and sustained notes in the lower voices. Measure 165 (measures 1-4) features eighth-note patterns with occasional grace notes. Measure 167 (measures 1-4) consists of sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 168 II (measures 1-4) shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 170 (measures 1-4) features sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 171 III (measures 1-4) concludes with a melodic line in the upper voice and harmonic support in the lower voices.

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The image displays six staves of musical notation from J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 188. The staves are arranged vertically, each representing a different voice or instrument. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as forte (f), piano (p), and sforzando (sf). The staves are separated by brace lines. The measures shown are numbered 174, 177, 179 II, 182, 185, and 188.

- Staff 1 (Top): Treble clef, mostly eighth-note patterns. Measure 174: f. Measure 177: f. Measure 179 II: f. Measure 182: f. Measure 185: f. Measure 188: f.
- Staff 2: Bass clef, mostly eighth-note patterns. Measure 174: p. Measure 177: p. Measure 179 II: p. Measure 182: p. Measure 185: p. Measure 188: p.
- Staff 3: Bass clef, mostly eighth-note patterns. Measure 174: f. Measure 177: f. Measure 179 II: f. Measure 182: f. Measure 185: f. Measure 188: f.
- Staff 4: Bass clef, mostly eighth-note patterns. Measure 174: f. Measure 177: f. Measure 179 II: f. Measure 182: f. Measure 185: f. Measure 188: f.
- Staff 5: Bass clef, mostly eighth-note patterns. Measure 174: f. Measure 177: f. Measure 179 II: f. Measure 182: f. Measure 185: f. Measure 188: f.

The A section of the da capo aria (with its repeat) comprises 9/10 of the movement's length. It opens with the same rhythm and meter as the first movement (same as BWV 1052/3); see also 810/4.

BWV 1052/3

188/2. **2. Aria** •God is my confidence when all around me fails (188/2).

Martin Petzoldt argues that the text of no. 2 is based on Psalm 62 (Petzoldt Bach-Kommentar 1:606). See Psalm 62:5-7: "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge (Luther 1545: Zuversicht) is in God."

Form (Rhyme: AABCCB)
Ritornello (mm. 1-14) FM
A. Lines 1-3 (2x: 15-36) FM-CM
Ritornello (36-42) CM
Lines 1-3 (2x: 43-68) CM-FM
Ritornello (69-82) FM [Fine]
B. Lines 4-6 (2x: 83-100) Dm
da capo

Ritornello derived from vocal line (similar to BWV 810/4).

F major (for the significance of F major, see note).

Sarabande from English Suite 5 (BWV 810/4).

Of this movement David Schulenberg writes, "Its character falls somewhere between that of a polonaise and a sarabande." See J. S. Bach. Oxford Composer Companions, ed. Malcolm Boyd (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), pp. 231.

Bach takes a poem in iambic meter and sets it in triple time, resulting in 2 successive accents (the second accent anticipated with a charming syncopation).

A. Section, Lines 1-3 (2x, with line 3 emphasizing the words "ruhet" ("rests") and "feste" ("securely"). The confident (child-like) assertion of faith is expressed with a simple melody (doubled by oboe) and largely syllabic declamation embellished with occasional figura corta.

15 **Tenore**

Ich ha - be meine Zu - versicht auf den_ getreu_en Gott gericht,

Oboe Figura corta (see note).

F major F major

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Musical emphasis on "da" ("there [rests my hope]").

Word painting: Extended notes for "feste" ("firmly/securely").

19

8 da ru - het meine Hoffnung fe - ste, ich ha - be meine Zu - ver -

F7 B-flat C7 F major

Word Painting: Extended notes for "ruhet" ("rests").

23

8 sicht auf den getreuen Gott gericht', da ru -

Oboe

F major F7 B-flat major B-flat major C7

27

8 - het mei-ne Hoffnung fe - ste, da ru - - - - het mei-ne Hoffnung

F major G7 C major C major

31

8 fe - - - - ste, da ru - - het mei - ne Hoffnung fe -

C major C7 F major G7 C major

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35

ste;

Ritornello

C major

39

C7 F major G(7) C major C major

Lines 1–3 repeated (2x: the first time, line 3 emphasizes the word "Hoffnung" ([my] "hope"), the second time, "ruhet" and "feste" as before.

43

ich ha _ be meine Zu . versicht auf ____ den getreuen Gott gericht' ,

Str.

C major C7 F major F7 B-flat major F# dim.7 D7 G minor

47

da ru _ het meine Hoff_nung, da ru _ het meine Hoff_nung, da

Ob

C7 D7

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51

ru - - het meine Hoffnung, meine Hoff - - - nung fe - ste, ich ha -

G7 C major C7 F major F major F7 B-flat major

55

be meine Zu - versicht auf den ge - treuen Gott ge - richt, da ru -

Str. Ob

B-flat major C7 D minor

59

het mei - ne Hoffnung fe - ste, da ru - - -

Ob

(F7) F7 B-flat major C7 F major

63

het meine Hoffnung fe - - - - ste, da ru - - het mei - ne

F major F7 B-flat major C7

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67

8 Hoffnung fe - - ste.

Ritornello

F major F major F major

71

F major F7 B-flat major C(7) F major

75

F major F7 B-flat major

79

D7 G minor C7 F major F major

B Section, Lines 4–6 (2x). Text painting: Unison broken chords of 16th notes by the strings and descending 8th-note oboe arpeggios for "wenn alles bricht" ("when everything breaks, when everything falls").

83

Ob Wenn al les bricht, wenn al les fällt, wenn niemand

D minor D minor

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For the final line of text, Bach returns to the opening musical gesture.

86

Treu' und Glauben hält,
so ist doch Gott der

F# dim.7 D7 G minor F7

89
8 al - lerbe - - - ste, wenn alles

B-flat major B-flat major B-flat major B-flat 7

93
8 bricht, wenn alles fällt, wenn niemand Treu' und Glauben hält,

E-flat major B-flat dim.7 C minor G7

For the final line of text, Bach returns to the opening musical gesture.

97

so ist doch Gott der al - lerbe - ste, so ist doch Gott der aller.be - ste.

C minor B-flat major C# dim.7 D minor

da capo

D minor

The bass voice is often the voice of authority; here it may be heard as the voice of the centurion in the Gospel reading.

3. Recitativo

8/3. Basso

Basso

188/3.

C

1

G

F

D

1

11

Chromatic saturation in
the vocal part in 10 mm.

saturation in
part in 10 mm.

188/3. 1. **Basso**

Gott meint es gut mit je_der_mann auch in den al_ler.gröss_ten
 God means - will with everyone, even in the absolutely-greatest

C major **G# dim.**

3 **Nö_ten.** **Ver_bir_get** **er gleich sei_ne Lie_be,** **so denkt sein Herz doch heim_lich**
 hardships, Hides he though his love, yet thinks his heart nevertheless secretly

A minor **C major** **D7**

5ⁱⁱ **dran; das kann er nie_mals nicht entzieh'n, und wollte mich der Herr auch töten, so**
 about-it; that can he never (ever) withdraw, and would me the Lord even slay, then

G major **E major** **A7**
E-flat

8 **hoff' ich doch auf ihn. Denn sein er.zürn_tes An_gesicht ist anders nicht als**
 hope I yet in him. For his enraged countenance is nothing-other than

D minor **D(7)** **F# dim.7**

10ⁱⁱ **ei_ne Wol_ke trü.be, sie hindert nur den Sonnenschein, damit durch ei.nen sanften**
 a cloud dark, it hinders only the sunshine, so that through a gentle

D(7) **G minor** **G(7)**

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13

rain heaven's blessing that much richer may be.

F(7) B-flat major

C major

15

The Lord transforms himself into à ferocious-being, so-much more-comforting to

F major F#7 (D7/F# dim.7)

Chromatic dissonance for "Grausamen."

The text alludes to Jesus' initial apparent opposition to the Centurion's plea in the Gospel reading (see note) using words from Job 30:21: "Thou hast turned cruel to me (Luther 1545: Du bist mir verwandelt in einen Grausamen").

17

appear; he will, he can not evil intend.

G minor G7 C major D major

This line is reminiscent of a line in the final stanza of the chorale "Nun läßt uns Gott der Herren" by Paul Gerhardt: "du kannst nicht böse meinen," derived from Deuteronomy 32:4: "A God of faithfulness and without iniquity (Luther 1545: Treu ist Gott, und kein Böses an ihm.)"

Text painting: The arioso alludes to Genesis 32:26: "Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me'" in a cantabile melody and pastoral 6/8 meter.

19

Therefore release I him not, (unless) he bless me

G major C major G7

Martin Petzoldt argues that the 3-fold request is Trinitarian (i.e., it is addressed to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost), with the middle statement (addressed to the Son) emphasized with a long coloratura on the repeated phrase "er segne mich denn" ("unless he bless me." See Bach-Kommentar 1:607.)

Word painting: Long, rising coloratura on "segnest" ("bless").

23

- ne mich

C major C7 F major G7 A minor



Compare the arioso ending of this movement's counterpart in the cantata's symmetrical structure (no. 5), which also employs biblical quotation..

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denn, drum lass'ich ihn nicht, er segne mich denn.

G7 C major C major

188/4.

4. Aria

•God's ways are unfathomable but ever for our best (188/4).

This is the central (pivot) movement in the cantata's chiasmatic form, where antithetical elements meet or are paradoxically inverted (formal inversion reflects an aspect of reversal or turning in the text). Johann Olearius, whose bible commentary was in Bach's personal library, notes that the sickness of the boy in the day's Gospel reading paradoxically resulted in the father's growing faith. See Petzoldt, *Bach-Kommentar* 1:606.

1. Ritornello based on vocal line (organ obbligato & cello).

E minor Tritone E minor

3

5

E minor A7 D major F# major B minor

7

B major B7

9

Alto A Section (Lines 1-2, 4x.)

Un - - er forsch - - - - lich ist die Wei - - se,

E minor

Alto is often the voice of faith.

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11

wie der Herr die Sei-nen führt,

13

Alto begins in canon.

un-er-forsch-lich ist die

E minor E minor A7

15

Wei-se, wie der Herr die Sei-nen, die Sei-nen

D major D7 G7 C major D7 G major

17

führt, un-er-forsch-lich ist die

G major G7 C major A7

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19

Wei - se, wie der Herr die Sei - - nen

3 3 *3 3*

D(7) G major G major

21

führt, un - er - forsch -

B minor B minor

23

lich ist die Wei - se, wie der Herr die Sei - -

3 3 *3 3*

E7 F#7 B minor A7 D major

25

nen führt, die Sei - nen, der

3 3 *3 3*

F#7 B minor

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27

Herr die Sei - nen führt.

Ritornello

mf

B minor A7 D major

29

3 *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

B minor A7

F#7 B minor B Section (Lines 3–5, 2x)

31

-

Sel - ber un - ser Kreuz und Pein muss zu

3 *3* *3*

B minor E7

33

3 *3* *3*

un - serm Be - sten sein, un - ser Kreuz — und Pein, — un - ser

A minor D# dim.7 E7 A7 D7

Chromatic appoggiaturas (sighs) and modulation for "unser Kreuz und Pein" ("our cross and pain").

35

Kreuz und Pein *3* muss zu un - serm Be - sten sein — und zu

G7 (C7) A7 D minor G# dim.7 E7

Shortened ritornello emphasizing the triplet figuration.

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Word painting: Long melisma with triplet 16ths for "praise."

37 sei . nes_ Na . mensPrei .

A minor

G7

C major

Musical score for piano, page 39, showing a melodic line and harmonic progression. The score consists of three staves: a treble staff, a bass staff, and a harmonic staff. The treble staff shows a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. The bass staff shows harmonic notes. The harmonic staff indicates the chords being played: B(7) and E minor. A vocal line is present with lyrics: "se," followed by a rest. The score concludes with a label: "Sudden modulation to C major to de".

Sudden modulation to C major to depict the ultimate good of God's ways.

41

sel - ber un - ser Kreuz und Pein
muss zu un - serm Be - sten

E minor A7 C# dim.7 A7 D minor C major

43

sein und zu sei - nes Na - mens Prei -

C major

C major (For the significance of C major, see note.)



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45
se, zu sei nes Na mens Prei.
C major D7

47
- - - se.
Ritornello
G major G major E minor E minor

49
E minor E minor

51
Section A' (modified da capo). = m. 9.
Un . . er . forsch .
NBA: triplet
E minor

53
= m. 10.
= m. 11.
- lich ist die Wei se, wie der Herr die
E minor

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56 = m. 12.

57 = m. 14.

forsch - lich ist die Wei - se, wie der Herr die

E minor

= m. 15.

E minor

D major

D7

G7

59 = m. 16.

Sei - nen, die Sei - - - nen führt, un - - - er -

C major

D7

G major

= m. 17.

G major

G7

NOTE: A fragment comprising mm. 59b-66 & 73-76 on sale, 7 June 2024, for US\$ 762,845.37.

61 = m. 18.

forschlich ist die Wei - se, wie der

C major

A7

D(7)

= m. 19.

D# dim.7

E minor

B7

modified to stay in E minor...



63

Herr die Seinen führt,

E minor E minor

65

un - er - forsch - lich ist die Wei - se, wie

E minor A7 B7 E minor

67

der Herr die Seinen führt,

D(7) G major B(7) E minor

69

die Seinen, der Herr die Seinen führt.

E minor

71

die Seinen, der Herr die Seinen führt.

E minor E minor

5. Recitativo •Worldly power temporal but God is an eternal refuge (188/5).
188/5. 1. Soprano

Strings in stile concitato (see note). Die Macht der Welt verlie-ret sich.
The might of the world disappears.

G7

C major

Biblical references: Psalm 8:8: But the Lord sits enthroned for ever (Luther 1545: Der Herr aber bleibt ewiglich); Psalm 2:12: Blessed are all who take refuge in him (Luther 1545: Wohl allen, die auf ihn trauen).

Wer kann auf Stand und Hoheit bauen? Gott aber bleibt ewig.
Who can upon rank and noble-station build? God however, remains eternally

Text painting: Sustained notes for "God remains eternally,"

Phrygian cadence, often used for questions. E major A major

Arioso ending citing Psalm 2:12: Blessed are all who take refuge in him (Luther 1545: wohl allen, die auf ihn trauen), with syncopation accenting "die."

lich, wohl allen, die auf ihn vertrauen.
(Blessed) are-all, those-who in him trust.

D minor E7 A minor A minor A minor

Compare the
arioso ending of
this movement's
counterpart in
the cantata's
symmetrical
structure (no.
3), which also
employs biblical
quotation...

This is the first stanza of five in an anonymous hymn text (from before 1603). While Bach's autograph transmits the music without text, the stanza appears in Picander's printed libretto. It links to the foregoing with a catechismal response of trust in God.

188.6. 6. Choral •Trusting God in fear & distress; he can deliver (188/6).

Soprano
+Ob I Vln I
Alto
+Ob II Vln II
Tenore
+Taille Vla
Basso

Martin Petzoldt argues that the move to the mediant (C major) at the beginning of the second phrase, used by Bach elsewhere in setting this tune, reinforces the stanza's summary of "faith as trust" (Augustine's *fides qua creditur*). See Bach-Kommentar 1:608.

A minor E major C major C major E7 A minor E major

5
kann mich all - zeit ret - ten aus Trüb - sal, Angst und Nö - ten mein
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Chromatic bass for text.
kann mich all - zeit ret - ten aus Trüb - sal, Angst und Nö - ten mein

A minor C major E major F major D7 G major D half-dim.7 C major C major

9
Unglück kann er wen - den, steht all's in sei - nen Hän - den.
Unglück kann er wen - den, steht all's in sei - nen Hän - den.
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E7 A minor D major G major G major C major E7 A major

Text painting:
chromatic harmonies for
"Trübsal, Angst und Nöten"
(tribulation, fear,
and hardships),
followed by
animated voice
leading for
"wenden" ("turn"
[my misfortune]).