

Pianoforte.Chamber Instrumentation:
Clarino (used in nos. 3 & 6)

Oboe/Oboe d'amore I, II

Vln I, II

Vla

SATB

Continuo

The "sustained" dominant may depict "Treue" (faithfulness).

Alto.

24/1. **Aria.** •Sincerity is a mark of the Christian (24/1).
1. (Andante ♩ = 80.)

For the significance of F major, see side note.

The triple meter with accents on beat 2 and anticipations suggests that this is a corrente (see more below).

Alfred Dürr writes, "Vocal and instrumental melodies are here assimilated to such an extent that strings, alto, and continuo blend into a unified trio texture." See *The Cantatas of J. S. Bach*, revised and translated by Richard Jones (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), p. 421.

Text painting: Voice comes in alone to emphasize its unadorned sincerity, accompanied by repeated note figure in Continuo.

The triple meter with hemiolas and anticipations suggests that this is a corrente (see more below at m. 14).

NBA: an deutscher

This text is an apparent allusion to Psalm 85:9–12: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Yea, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase." In the cantata's chiastic structure, this movement (with its theme of "Treu und Güte," i.e., faithfulness & kindness), is the counterpart to movement 5 (with its theme of "Treu und Wahrheit," i.e., faithfulness & truth).

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schön, vor Gott, macht uns vor Gott, vor Gott, vor Gott und Men-schen

G7 C major

23

schön, vor Gott und Men-schen schön. Ein un - - ge -

C major C major

27

färbt, ein un-gefärbt Ge - mü - te, von deutscher Treu und Gü - te, macht

31

uns vor Gott und Men-schen schön.

Ritornello

C major C major A7 D minor

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35

G# dim.7 E7 A7 D minor

39

Der Chri - sten Tun, der Christen Tun und

A7 D minor

Text painting: Long melisma for the "doings" of Christians.

43

Han - - -

D minor G7 C7 F7

Sequentially descending passage, flat-ward in the circle of fifths...

47

del, ihr ganzer Lebens-wan - - -

B-flat 7 E-flat 7 C# dim.7 D7 G minor

Text painting: Veering off the harmonic path, perhaps to depict some Christians.

51

Original: dergleichen

Text painting: Descending figure for "Fusse" (foundation) and long note for "stehn" (stand).

del soll auf der gleichen Fusse stehn,

G minor

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55

ihr ganzer Lebens-wan-del soll auf der-gleichen Fusse stehn.

59

Der Christen Tun und Han-del,
ihr gan-zer Lebens-wan-del

G minor C7 F major D7

63

soll auf der-gleichen Fusse stehn, der Christen Tun und Han-del,

G# dim.7 E7 A minor

67

ihr ganzer Lebens-wan-del soll auf der-gleichen Fusse

A minor

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70

stehn, soll auf der glei chemFu sse stehn.

A minor A minor

74 Opening section repeats in modified form.

Ein un - - ge - färbt Ge - mü - - te,

A minor F major

mf Ritornello

79

F major

83

ein un - - ge -

F major

87

färbt Ge - mü - - te, von deut - scher

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Treu' und Gü - - - te, macht uns vor

95

Gott und Menschen schön, macht uns vor Gott, vor Gott, macht uns vor

99

Gott und Menschen schön, vor Gott und Menschen schön, vor Gott und Menschen schön.

mf Ritornello

103

F major

107

F major

• Honesty is rare; we are not honest by nature (24/2). Musically and textually, this movement parallels 24/4. Here the theme is honesty; in 24/4 the theme is hypocrisy. The style here is simple; its major key and harmonic/melodic construction making it sound natural/galant ("modern").

Chromatic saturation
in the vocal part in
17 mm.

24/2. Recitativo. Secco

Tenore. B-flat

E-flat

C

D

F

G

Die Redlichkeit ist ei.ne von den Gottes ga.ben; dass sie bei unsrer Zeit so

Honesty/uprightness is one of -

God's-gifts;

that it in

our time

so

B-flat major

B-flat major

G major

B

A-flat

we.nig Menschen ha.ben, das macht, sie bit.ten Gott nicht drum. Denn von Na ..

few people possess,

that is-because,

they ask

God not

for-it.

For, by nature

C minor

This is an interesting take on "nature": human nature is evil.

A

F#

tur geht un.sers Her.zens Dich.ten mit lauter Bö.se.m um; soll's sei.nen Weg auf

- our heart's imaginings

with nothing-but

evil

are-occupied; should-it

its course

(to)

Diminished chord
for fallen human nature.

F# dim.7

G minor

et.was Gu.tes rich.ten, so muss es Gott durch sei.nen Geist re.gie.ren und auf die

something good direct,

then must

it God through

his Spirit

govern

and upon the

C major

F major

12ii Text painting: Ascending scale for "path of virtue."

Bahn der Tu.gend füh.ren.

path of virtue

lead (it).

Ver.langst du Gott zum Freun.de,

Desire

you God as

friend,

then

F major

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Text painting: Chromatic harmonies with cross relation for "falsity, deceit, cunning."

15

make - (your) neighbor not into-an enemy through falsity, deceit, and cunning!

Cross relation: B-flat/B-natural

B-flat 7 G7 F# dim.7 A7 G# dim.7 A major

To be peace-loving suggests Enlightenment (and Pietistic?) influence/ethics, despite Neumeister's anti-Pietistic stance.

Original: Falsch und Tücke

18

A Christian should - (for) the dove's-manner strive and without dishonesty and malice

D minor C7

The arioso has a fresh, immediate, emotional appeal, its major key and melody-dominated texture suggesting galant style.

Arioso. (♩ = 69.) The text foreshadows the Golden Rule in the following movement.

20

live. Make of your-self a such likeness, as you (your) neighbor

F major B-flat major Final line stated 3 times.

Text painting: Imitation between Tenor and Continuo perhaps depicts the reciprocity referenced in the text.

22

would-have-be!

ha - ben willt, wie du den Näch - sten, wie du den Näch - sten, mach'

B-flat major G7 C minor

24II

aus dir selbst ein sol - ches Bild, wie du den Nächsten ha - ben willt!

B-flat major B-flat major

Dove-like behavior is clothed in F major (see above note at 24/1 for the significance of F major).

of the day. The structure is a kind of prelude and fugue in which the entire text is repeated in the fugue. At first (and again at m. 29) voices & instruments are in responsorial/antiphonal interplay, presumably to depict the reciprocity of the Golden Rule. This is a remarkable movement. Its minor mode beginning is striking (but it shifts to major). Brilliant concerto writing (voices vs. instruments that include trumpet for the first time, solo vs. tutti).

Instrumentation:
Clarino (used only here and in the closing chorale)
Ob I/Vln I
Ob II/Vln II
Vla
SATB
Continuo

This is the central (pivot) movement in the cantata's chiastic form, where antithetical elements meet or are paradoxically inverted (formal inversion reflects an aspect of reversal or turning in the text). Here the reciprocal principle of the Golden rule is presented.

(Coro.)
24/3. (Allegro moderato $\text{♩} = 72$)

For comments by Alfred Dürr, see note.



Soprano.
Alto. Al - les, Al - - - les,
Tenore. Al - les, Al - - - les,
Basso. Al - - - les, Al - les,
Continuo alone.

Unifying motive
Instruments respond (with trumpet)

G minor
Text painting: Melismas for "alles" (all) reminiscent of the melisma in movement 1 for "Händel" (doings)
G minor
G minor
F major

les, Al - les nun, Al - les nun, das ihr -
les, Al - les nun, Al - les nun, Some instrumental doublings, some figuration.
les, Al - les nun, Al - les nun,
Al - les, Al - les nun, Al - les nun, das ihr -
B-flat major
A
wol - let,daseuchdie Leu - te,die Leu - te tun sol - - len,das tut ihr
das ihr - wol - let,daseuchdie Leu - te tun sol - - len, das
das ihr - wol - let,daseuchdie Leu - te tun sol - - len,
wol - let,daseuchdie Leu - te,die Leu - te tun sol - - len, das tut
B-flat major
A
D major
Phrygian cadence
G minor

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"Das tut" (do that) is constantly repeated. This emphasis on good deeds was an emphasis of the Enlightenment and Pietism.

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ih-nen, das tut ihr ih-nen, das tut
tut ihr ih-nen, das tut ihr ih-nen,
das tut ihr ih-nen, das tut ihr ih-nen,
— ihr ih-nen, das tut ihr ih-nen, das

15

G minor B-flat major

— ihr ih-nen, Al-les nun, das ihr
das tut ihr ih-nen, Al-les nun, das
das tut ihr ih-nen, Al-les nun, das
tut ihr ih-nen, Al-les nun, das

18

E-flat major

wol-let, das euch die Leu-te, die Leu-te tun sol-
ihr wol-let, das euch die Leu-te, die Leu-te tun
ihr wol-let, das euch die Leu-te, die Leu-te tun
ihr wol-let, das euch die Leu-te, die Leu-te tun

C minor B-flat major C minor

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24

G minor A major D minor

ihr ih - nen,das tut, das tut ihr ih - - nen.
nun,das tut, das tut, das tut ihr ih - - nen.
nun,das tut, das tut, das tut ihr ih - - nen.
Al - les, Al - les, Al - les das tut ihr ih - - nen.

D minor D minor

28 B^{A7} D minor D minor
Antiphonal style returns.

Alles, Alles nun, das ihr wollet,
Alles, Alles nun, das ihr wollet,
Alles, Alles nun, das ihr wollet,
Alles, Alles nun, das ihr wollet,

B

Trumpet plays repeated G's, reminiscent of the theme in movement 1.

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Alles, Alles nun, das ihr wol-let:
Alles, Alles nun, das ihr wol-let:

Trumpet plays repeated F's, reminiscent of the theme in movement 1.

C minor F7 B-flat major

36 C Allegro e vivace. ($\text{d} = 104$)

Bach sets the entire text again as a double fugue, sung first by soloists. Because fugue form suggests "law" or "rule," Bach often set such texts as fugues. Here one subject is immediately accompanied by the second subject (on the second text phrase), presumably to emphasize the reciprocity of the Golden Rule. For Alfred Dürr's comments, see note at the beginning of the movement. For another example of double fugue in Bach's first Leipzig cantata cycle, see BWV 179/1.

SOLO.
Al _ les nun, das ihr wol-let, das euch die Leu.
SOLO.
Das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut ihr
B-flat major G minor Here, again, "das tut" (do that) is repeated over and over.

41

SOLO. Das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut ihr
Al _ les nun, das ihr wol-let, das euch die Leu.
te tun sol - - - - - len, das tut ihr, das
ih - - - - - nen, das tut ihr ih - - - - - nen, Al _ les, Al _ - - - - - les nun, das ihr
G minor D minor

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ih - - - - nen, Al - les nun, das_ ihr
te_ tun sol - - - - len, tun sol - -
tut ihr ih - nen, Al - - - - les nun, das tut, das
wol - let, das tut_ ihr ih - nen, das tut ihr ih - nen.

A7 D minor C7 F major G minor D7

51

wol - let, das euch die Leu - te_ tun sol - -
- len, das tut, das tut_ ihr, Al - - - les, Al - les nun,
thut, das tut, das tut ihr ih - - - - nen, das tut ihr ih - - - - nen,
TUTTI.
Al - les nun, das_ ihr

D D7 G minor A7

56

len, das tut_ ihr ih - - - -nen, das tut, das tut,
das ihr wol - let, das tut ihr ih - - - -nen, das tut, das tut,
TUTTI.
das euch die Leu - te_ tun sol - - len. Al - les nun, das_ ihr
wol - let, das euch die Leu - - - -te_ tun sol - -
Instruments begin to double.

D major D7 G minor A7

D minor D minor D major G minor

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66 D7 G minor TUTTI.
 das tut, das tut ihr ih - - nen. Al . les nun, das_ ihr
 wol _ let, das euch die Leu - - te tun sol - -
 len,das tut ihr ih - - nen,das tut, das tut,
 das tut, das tut ihr ih - - nen, das tut, das tut,
 das tut, das tut ihr ih - - nen, das tut, das tut,
 L.H.

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len,das tut ihr ih - nen,das tut ihr ih - nen, Al -
das tut, das tut ihr ih - nen,das tut ihr ih - nen, Al -
das tut, das tut ihr ih - nen, Al - les nun, das ihr
tut, das tut,das tut ihr ih - nen, Al - les nun, das ihr
E

D minor G major G7

81

nun, das ihr wollet, Al - les nun, das ihr wollet, Al - les, Al -
les, das ihr wol - let, Al - les, das ihr wollet, Al - les nun, das ihr
wol - let, Al - les nun, das ihr wol - let, Al - les nun, das ihr wol -
wollet, Al - les nun, das ihr wollet, Al - les nun, das ihr wollet, Al - les,
C minor F major F7 B-flat major E-flat major

Trp doubles Soprano, mm. 90-96.

86

les nun, das ihr wollet, das euch die Leu - te tun sol -
wol - let, das euch die Leu - te tun sol - len,das tut ihr ihnen,das tut ihr ih -
- let, das - euch die Leute tun sol - len, das tut ihr ihnen,das tut ihr ih -
Al - les nun,das ihr wol - let, das euch die Leute - tun sol -
G7 C minor C minor F# dim.7 G minor

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92 F

len, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut,
nen, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut,
nen, das tut ihr ihnen, das tut ihr ihnen, das tut ihr ihnen, das tut ihr
len, Ob I/Vln I das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut, das

G minor C7 D7 (G minor) C major

96

das tut, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut ihr
das tut, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut, das tut,
ih - -en, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut, das tut,
tut, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut, das

F major F7 D7 G minor G minor C7 F major

100

ih - -en, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut ihr ih - -en, das tut ihr ih - -en.
das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut ihr ih - -en.
das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut ihr ih - -en.
tut, das tut, das tut, das tut, das tut ihr ih - -en.

G minor C major F major (F7) D7 G minor G major

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Chromatic saturation in the vocal part in the first 10 mm, but in 7 mm. when describing the rarity of honesty among humans (mm. 7–13): "Gott sei's geklagt! Die Redlichkeit ist teuer...." For more, see side note.

24/4. Recitativo.

Basso.

24/4.

B-flat G E C A

•Hypocrisy & dishonesty, etc. is of the devil (24/4). Musically and textually, this movement parallels 24/2. There the theme was honesty; here the theme is hypocrisy. Bach's imaginative handling of recitative is evident in this operatic-sounding bass recitative, whose string accompaniment consists of punctuating chords until just before the closing arioso, where it reverts to a galant, melody-driven style.

Die Heuchelei ist eine Brut, die Belial NBA: ge- hek- ket zeugt, wer

Hypocrisy Is a brood, that Belial hatches. Whoever

Strings punctuate the dire description in the manner of a secco recitative, the chromatic harmonic progression ending in arioso for a prayer to be delivered from such hypocrisy.

C major C# dim.7 A major

NBA: Lar- ve sich in ih-re Knechenschaft beugt, der zählt zu Sa-tan's Diener - schaft. Wie, lassen sich denn

himself into its larva/mask puts, he wears the devil's livery. How-now? Allow themselves then

For biblical background, see note.

F# B D F

D7 D# dim.7 E minor

Christen dergleichen auch ge - lusten? Gott sei's ge - klagt! Die Redlichkeit ist

Christians the-like also to-covet? (To) God be-it lamented! Uprightness/sincerity is

G# D A F#7

D minor G# dim.7 A major F#7

B minor

teu - er. Manch'teuflisch Unge - heuer sieht wie ein En - gel aus, man kehrt den Wolf hin.

rare. Many-a devilish monster looks like an angel - A-person sweeps the wolf in;

D# E7 D# dim.7 B7 E minor G major

ein, den Schafpelz kehrt man'raus: wie könnt's ärger sein? Verleumden, Schmähn und Richten, Ver-

the sheep's skin the-person-sweeps out. How could it worse be? Slander, reviling, and judging.

C major F minor C# dim.7 C# dim.7 A7

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Text painting: "There" and "here" set with ascending and descending figures, respectively.

Arioso Andante. ($\text{♩} = 60$.)

Gott be_hü_te mich, der lie_be_ Gott be_hü_te mich da_für!

C major

- Integrity makes us like God and angels (24/5). This, too, is in a modern-sounding, galant, cantabile style, somewhat like Handel. Few and short melismas. Ends with opening ritornello. In the cantata's chiastic structure, this movement (with its theme of "Treu und Wahrheit," i.e., faithfulness & truth) is the counterpart to movement 1 (with its theme of "Treu und Güte," i.e., faithfulness & kindness).

•Integrity makes us
Handel. Few and short
theme of "Treu und
Aria. (Andante ♩ = 82)
Ob d'am I

Obbligato of 2
Oboes d'amore in
imitation depict
the 2 equal
virtues: "Treu und
Wahrheit" (faithful-
ness and truth).

Ob. d'am I Ob. d'am II

Motive derived from vocal opening.
Trio *mf* Ritornello
texture.

A minor

G7

C major

Continue echoes theme. As in movement 1, the dominant plays a prominent

Continuo echoes theme. As in movement 1, the dominant plays a prominent role ("=Treu," i.e., faithfulness).

Musical score for piano, page 4. The top staff shows a melodic line with grace notes and trills. The bottom staff shows harmonic bass notes. The harmonic progression is labeled as follows:

- (A7)
- D minor
- D7 G major
- B major E minor

A red annotation at the top right states: "In this movement, the dominant plays a prominent role; i.e., faithfulness).

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Grund al - ler dei - ner Sin - nen,

E7
E minor A minor B7 E minor

21II

wie von au - ssenWort und Mund, von au -

E minor G7 C major

Allusion to Jesus words: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity (Matthew. 23:27-28).

24

- ssenWort und Mund, sei das Herz von in - nen,wie von aussenWort und

Contrary motion depicts the contrast between inward and outward appearances, as referenced in the text.

D major G major

26II

Mund, sei das Herz von in - nen.

G major G major

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Like this aria's counterpart in the cantata's symmetrical structure (movement 1), this movement identifies kindness ("Güte") as the quality that make one beautiful before God ("like the angels").

29

Gü - tig sein und tu - gendreich,macht uns Gott und En - geln

Text painting: Melismatic flourish with figura corta for "like angels."

G minor
G major A major
D minor G7
C major

31

gleich,gü - tig sein und tu - gendreich,macht uns Gott und Engeln gleich,und Engeln

E7 A minor A minor

34

gleich,gü - tig sein und tu - gendreich,gütig sein und tu - gendreich,macht uns Gott und En -

Ob d'am I

Ob d'am II

A minor A7 D minor D minor A minor A minor

36

- - geln gleich,macht uns Gott und Engeln gleich,und En - geln gleich.

Ob d'am I

Ob d'am II

A minor

Dal Segno.

J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas BWV 24 • Prayer: Source of all, grant health to body and soul (24/6). The chorale is presented simply in four vocal parts, with phrases accompanied by independent, embellishing orchestral lines of 16ths.

24/6. Choral. (♩ = 63.) The trumpet doubles the soprano, then plays repeated low F, A, or C in the interludes, reminiscent of the theme in movements 1 & 3 (see full score). The other instruments play the independent material.

Regarding the significance of F major, see above at movement 1.

This is the first stanza of eight in the 1630 chorale "O Gott, du frommer Gott" by Johann Heermann (1585–1647).

Soprano. 1.

O Gott, du frommer Gott, "Fromm" is used here in its antiquated meaning of "reliable/faithful/trustworthy," i.e., defined by constancy.

Alto.

Tenore.

Basso.

The strings play undulating 16ths, perhaps to depict God as the the fount of all good things, as mentioned in the text (an allusion to James 1:17: "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." See also Matthew 7:11.) Compare oscillating figure in BWV 17/5 for Übermaß (abundant excess) of God's blessings).

Continuo, with Trp on melody.

Repeated 8ths depict God's constancy.

A7 D minor C7 F major F7 B-flat major

(C7) F major F major F7

6 ohn' den Nichts ist, was ist,

B-flat major (C7) F major F major

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9

von dem wir Alles ha -
von dem wir Alles ha -
von dem wir Alles ha -
von dem wir Alles ha -

A7 D minor D minor D minor C7

12

ben: ge - sun - den Leib gib
ben: ge - sun - den Leib gib
ben: ge - sun - den Leib gib
ben: ge - sun - den Leib gib

A

F major F7 B-flat major (C7) F major

mir, und dass in sol - chem
mir, und dass in sol - chem
mir, und dass in sol - chem
mir, und dass in sol - chem

15

F major A7 D minor D minor F# dim.7 G7 C minor

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Allusion to Paul's affirmation in Acts 24:16: "So I always take pains to have a clear conscience (Luther 1545: unverletzt Gewissen) toward God and toward men."

18

Leib' ein' unverletzte
Leib' ein' unverletzte
Leib' ein' unverletzte
Leib' ein' unverletzte

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

21

Seel' und rein Ge
Seel' und rein Ge
Seel' und rein Ge
Seel' und rein Ge

B-flat major C7 F major F7

24

wis sen bleib!
wis sen bleib', und rein Ge wis sen bleib!
wis sen bleib', und rein Ge wis sen bleib!
wis sen bleib!

B-flat major C7 F major F7 B-flat major (C7) F major F major F major