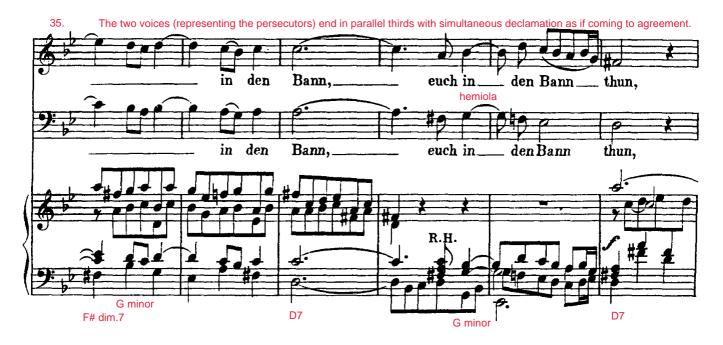
Last changed: 10 October 2025. urch Cacantata Foretelling Persecution for Christians. Form: Duet (T/B) - Chorus - Aria (A) - Chorale (T) - Recit (B) - Aria (S) - Chorale Though Cantatas 44 and 183 share the same opening line (hence identical "titles"), thy have little in common. Introduction and updates at melvinunger.com. $J.S. \ Bach \ \ {\ \ }^{\text{For Karin Wollschläger's comments on the cantata's form,}}_{\text{see note.}}$ NBA I/12; BC A78 Exaudi: 1. S. after Ascension (BWV 44, 183)
1 Peter 4:7–11 (Exhortation to serve one another with the gift Cantata No. 44 each has received) *Begin: "Therefore keep sane and sober..." *John 15:26–16:4 (Farewell address of Jesus: Holy Spirit promised, persecution foretold) Sie werden euch in den Bann tun (1) Librettist: Unknown; perhaps Christian Weiß the •Persecution of disciples foretold: John 16:2a (44/1). Note: Bach divides the verse from the end of the day's Gospel reading between 2 movements, a technique seldom found in Bach's cantatas but common in Telemann's works (see Dürr/Jones, 342). FP: 21 May 1724 (St. Thomas). This i the last newly composed cantata of Bach's first Leipzig cantata cycle (Andante 🕹 = 104.) (172, 59, 173, 184, 194 and 165 are either re-performances or parodies of earlier works.) Ob I, II VIn I, II Pianoforte. derived from Vla vocal opening SATB Fagotto, Continuo, Organo For common text forms in G minor B-flat major Bach's first Leipzig cycle, Chromatic 8th-note figuration with of the text see side note. D7 C minor G minor D major G minor F major Tenore. two canonic voices appear to epresent the grim, legalistic, self-Text painting: Alternating sustained notes to ighteous persecutors (see above) Sie wer_den euch in den suggest extent of the ban referenced in the text. Basso Texture expands to 5 parts Sie werden euch in den For biblical Bann, background for nos. 1 & 2, see note. G minor # dim.7 G minor B-flat major Diminished intervals, tritones, strange voice-leading, and large leaps suggest a "rule-defying" approach, apparently reflecting the text.

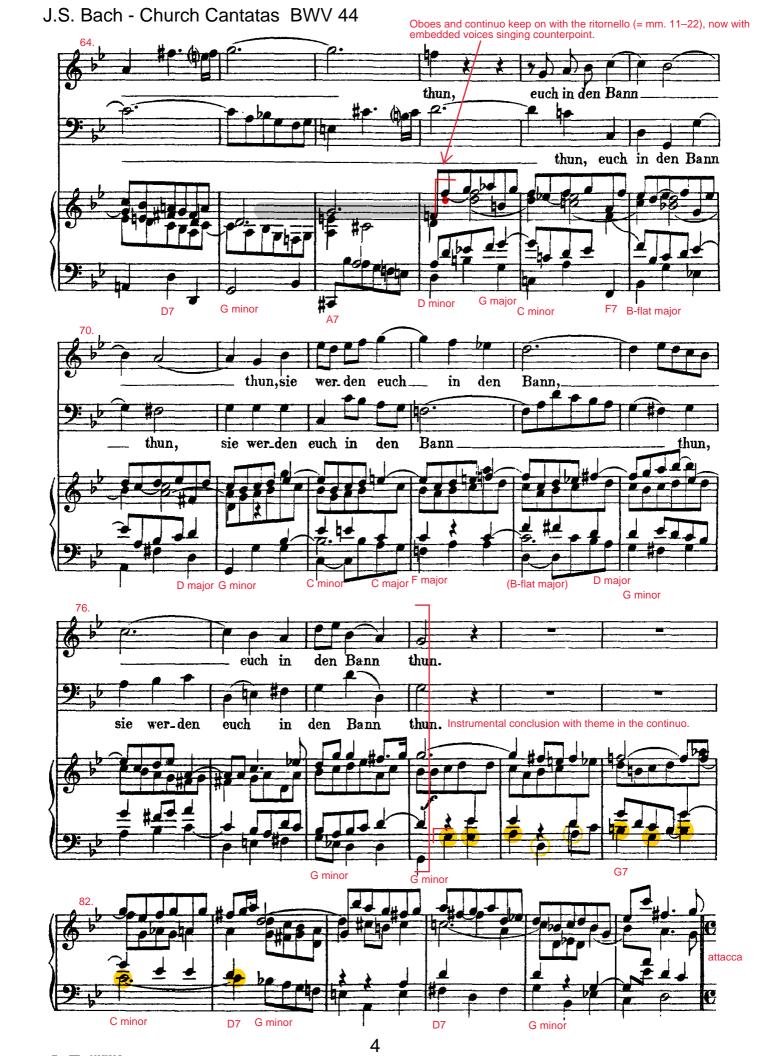
Form: Mm. 1-11: Ritornello-A. Ob canon (Gm-Dm). 11-23: Ritornello-B. Ob figuration (Dm-Gm). 23-40: B/T canon & ob figuration (Gm-D7). 40-55: Ob figuration & T/B canon (D7-G7). 55-66. Ritornello-A (from 57), T/B canon & obs (G7-A7). 67-79: Ritornello-B. Ob figuration with T/B counterpoint (Dm-Gm). 79-86: Postlude (theme in continuo) (Gm-D7).







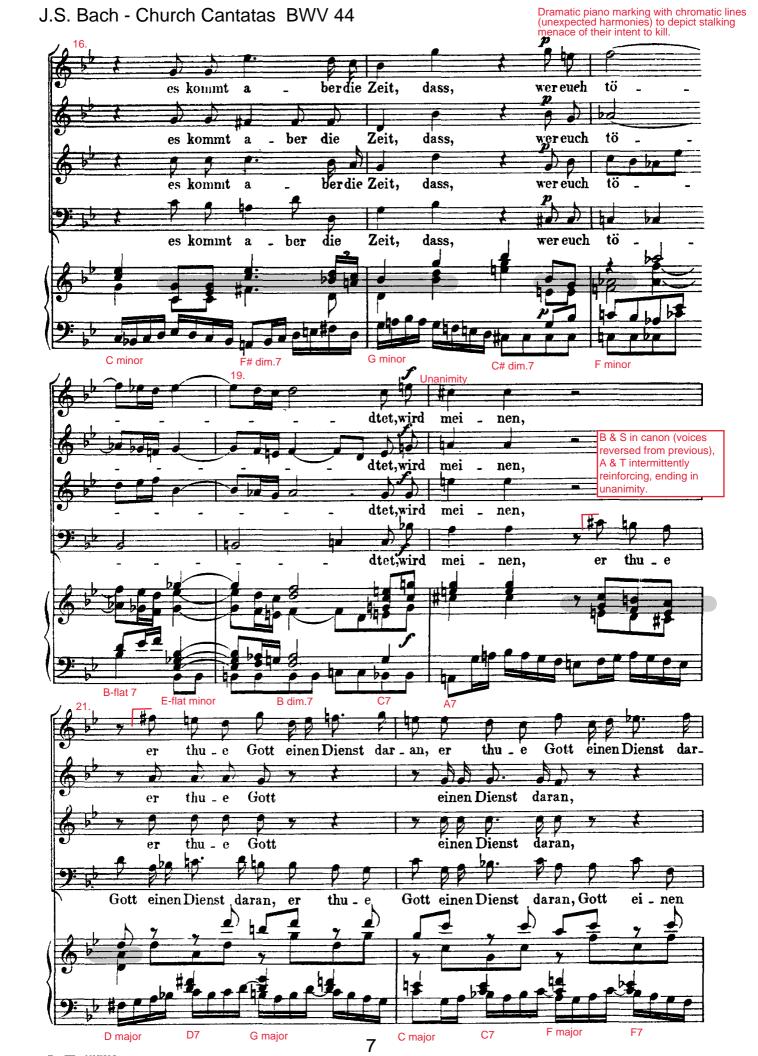




J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas BWV 44 •Persecutors think they please God: John 16:2b (44/2). Note: Bach divides the verse from the end of the day's Gospel reading between 2 movements; the second movement begins without pause in different meter and faster tempo. Form is quasi bar form (see Dürr/Jones, 342) (Allegro J= 80.) A(a). Two chordal blocks (mm. 1-4) Soprano. A. Largely homophonic with independent instruments a) 2 chordal blocks (1-4) b) chromatic block Γhis is an aggressive, marked piano (5-7) berdie Zeit, Es kommt a es kommt harmonically unstable c) chordal conclusion, imitation in outer voices (8-14) movement in which the chorus behaves like a rabid A'. a-c) transposed, with exchange of voices in c) (14-25)

B. Largely imitative with instruments doubling, rounding off with "turba" in the Passions, with Zeit, es kommt Es kommt a ber die homorhythmic passages and Tenore. tierce di picardie cadences that suggest smug unanimity material from A (A') d) imitative (25-30) Zeit, ber die es kommt c) transposed reprise of A/A' (31-35). Basso. Instruments imitative voices (concertante style) Żeit, Es kommt a es kommt ber die Ob I doubles VIn I Ob II doubles VIn II. Rumbling bass adds an ominous tone D minor D minor berdie Zeit, dass, wer euch Zeit, dass, ber die wer euch block, marked piano (mm. 5-7) Zeit, dass, die wer euch Zeit, dass, ber die wer euch Chromatic tö dtet,wird mei thu _ e nen, er melismas A(c). Chordal conclusion, and imitation in outer voices unexpected (mm. 8-14) _ dtet,wird mei harmonies to nen, for "kill." S & B in canon, A & T intermittently reinforcing, ending in unanimity. tö dtet,wird mei nen, Here, too, the use of canon appears to signify rigid dogma and legalistic dtet.wird nen, mei religiosity E-flat 7 A-flat minor B-flat minor E-flat dim.7 B-flat dim. 5









For Bach, the sarabande appears to have carried special meaning, able to portray the deepest expression of sad introspection (see, for example, the famous violin chaconne in BWV 1004 or the sarabandes in the cello suites). "Bach wrote more sarabandes than any other dance type...the Leipzig sarabandes...represent Bach's crowning achievement in this genre." See Meredith Little and Natalie Jenne, "Dance and the Music of J. S. Bach," expanded ed., pp. 102, 110.



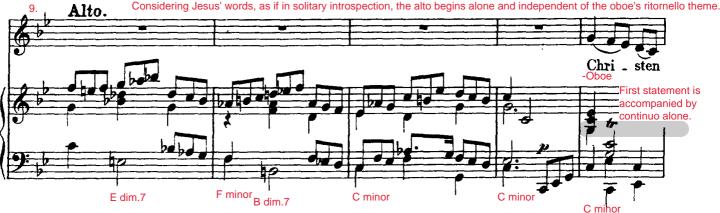
The movement is largely in the minor mode. For more on the significane of the minor mode, see side note.

For biblical

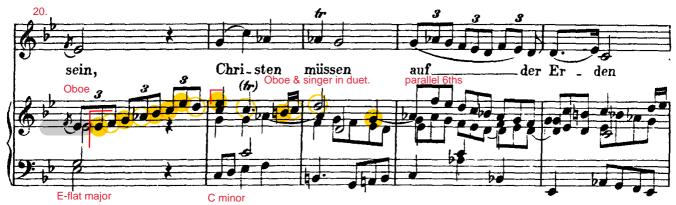
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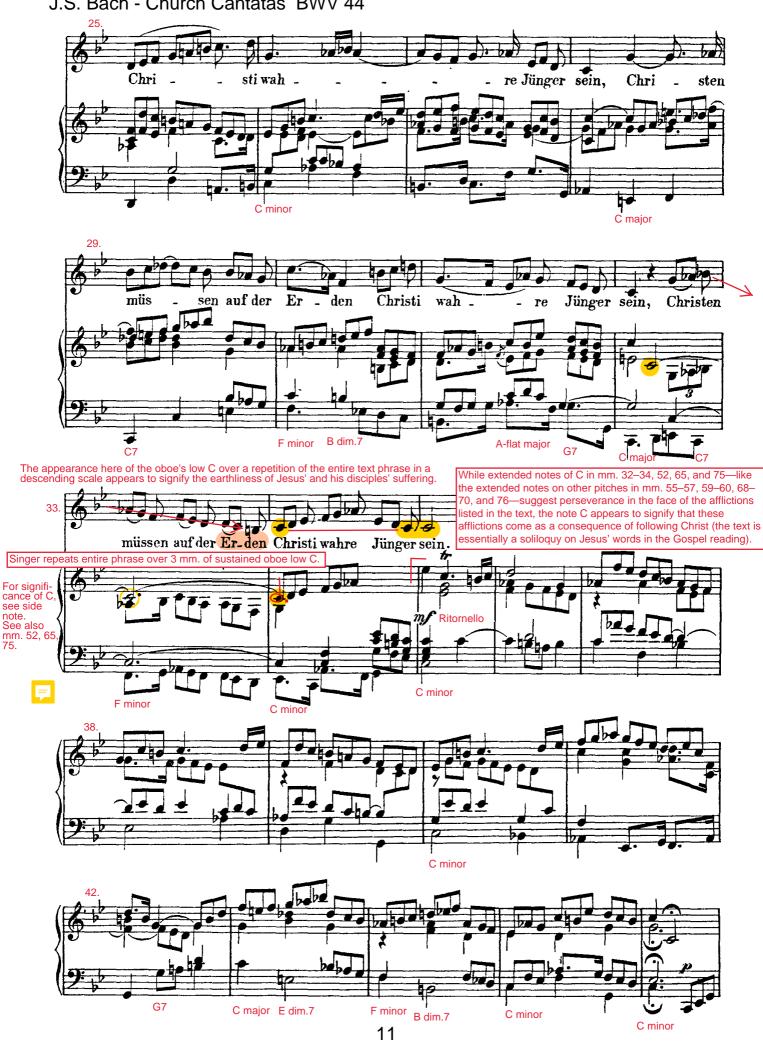
C minor (see note at m. 33 for significance of C). It is noteworthy that the ritornello theme is not adopted by the singer until m. 61, with the words "Auf sie warten alle Stunden..." (For them



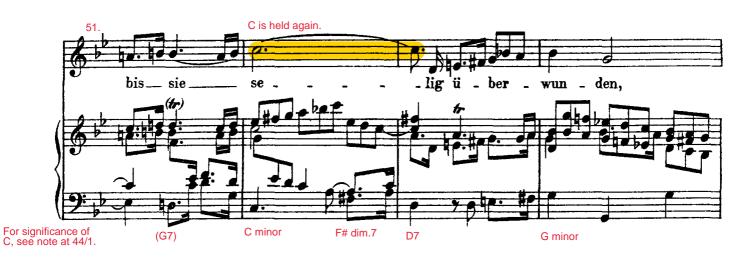


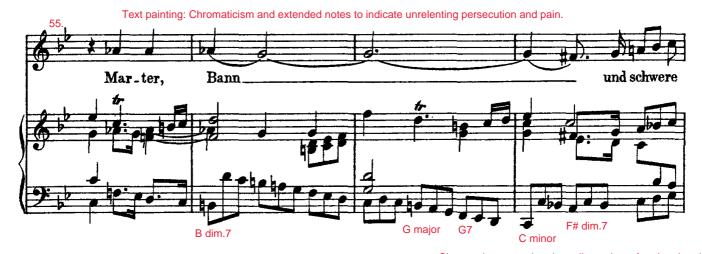


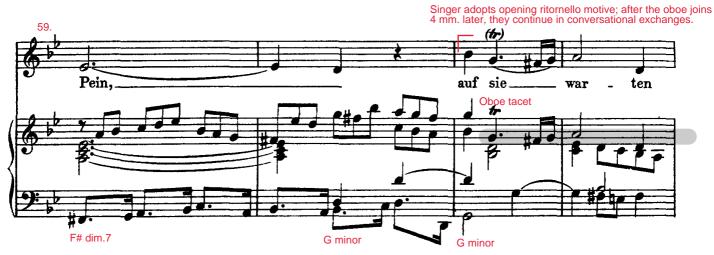


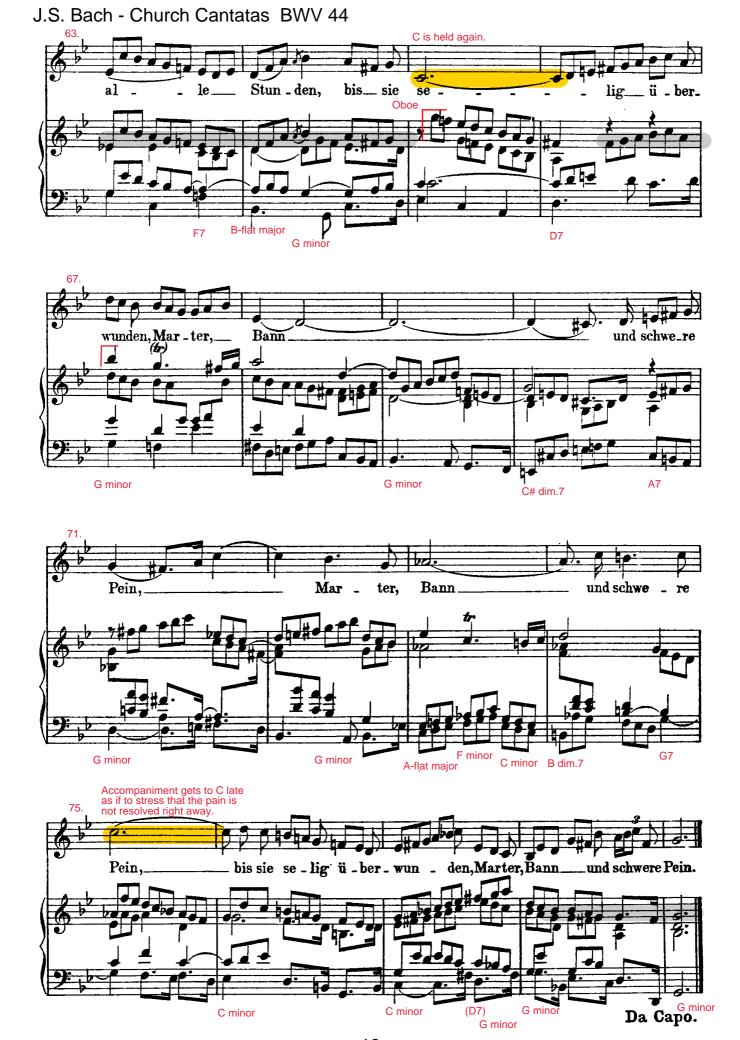


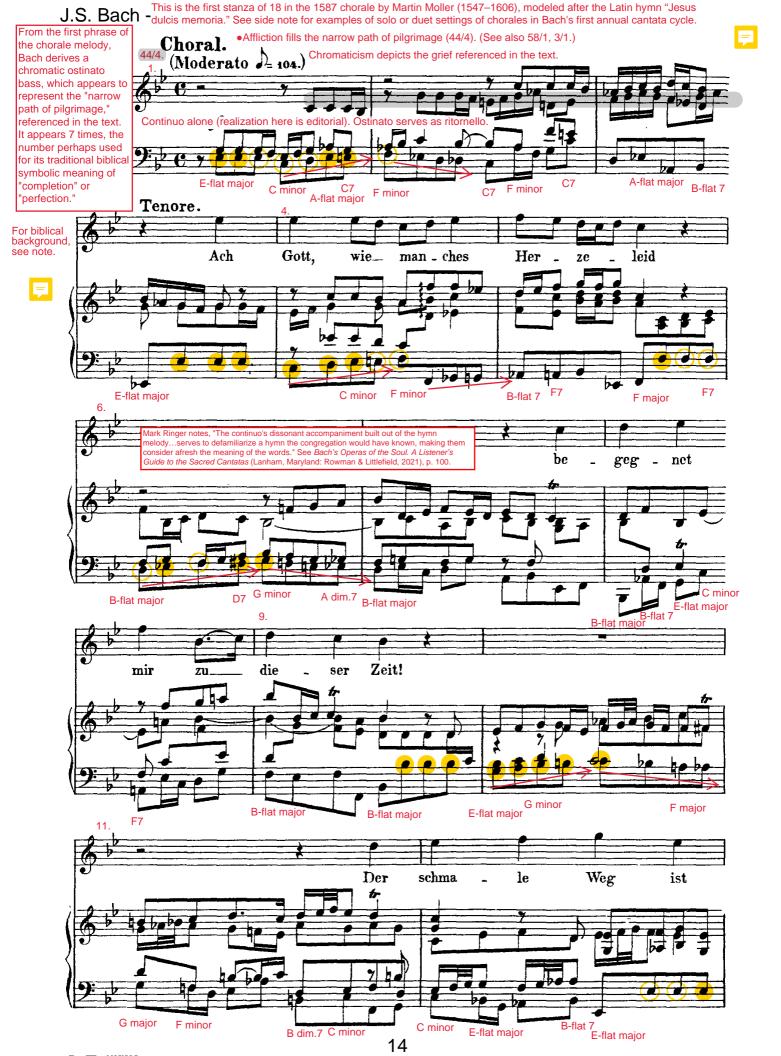


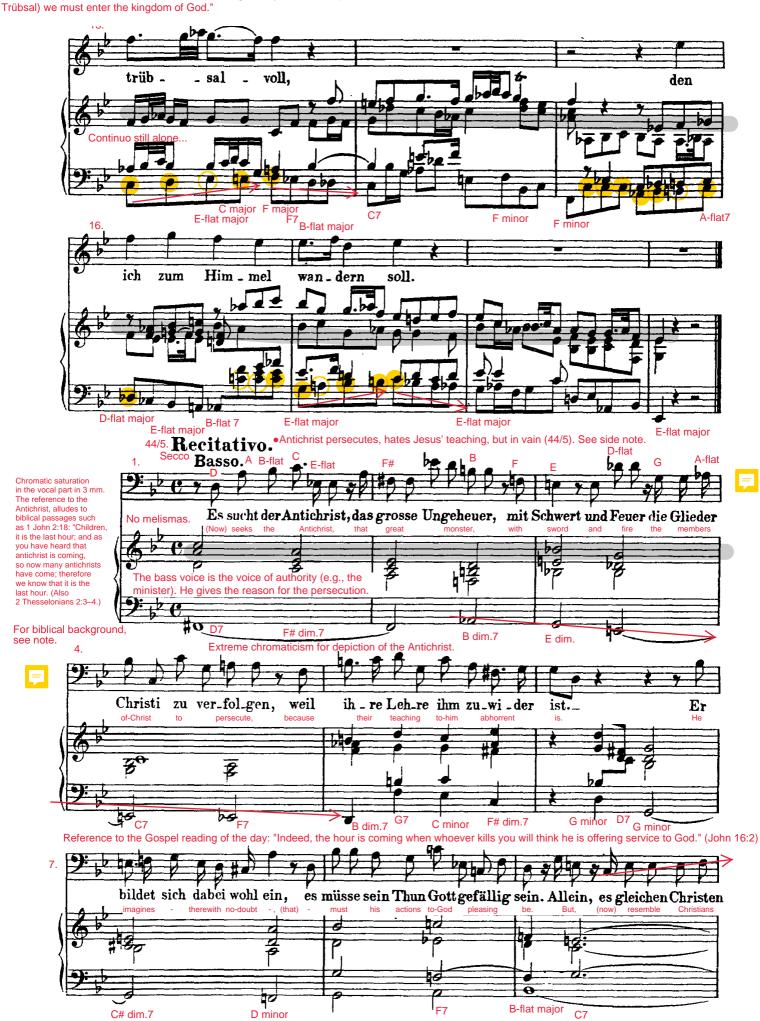












The sentiment of palm tree resisting the storm is found in the folksong "Ännchen von Tharau" (see side note). Bach does not appear to reference the tune. See also side note at the beginning of this movement. de-nen Palmen-zwei-gen, die durch die Last nur de sto höher steigen. which, through (their) load, just that much higher climb. palm-branches, ext painting: While continuo lescends, singer ascends more han an octave, illustrating the ext: "Christians resemble palm anches, which, throught the G minor F# dim.7 C# dim.7 D minor Aria. •Persecution's storms: God watches over church (44/6). D minor (see side note) = 72.) Cheerful movement with a bit of chromaticism (Tempo ordinario J 44/6. in the description of the storm in the B section. Ob I doubles VIn I Ob II doubles VIn II The lively motive introduced in the ritornello (triplet-eighth, followed by a trill, then a skipping rhythm) appears to be Ritornello associated with the sun's laughter (see mm. B-flat major 43-44). Triplets in rising F major or falling sequences are C major also associated with the storms referenced in the text (see m. 35, 40) F major G major C minor B-flat major B-flat major B-flat 7 C major C7 F major In the A section, the upper instruments often join the singer in alternate measures, as if divine help is coming alongside the believer, as referenced in the text. For biblical ist Es und bleibt der Chri _ sten background see note. Continuo alone E-flat major B-flat major F major 16 C minor



Martin Petzoldt cites Psalm 121 as the classic biblical passage describing God's role as protector. See Psalm 121: 3–4: "He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."



F major

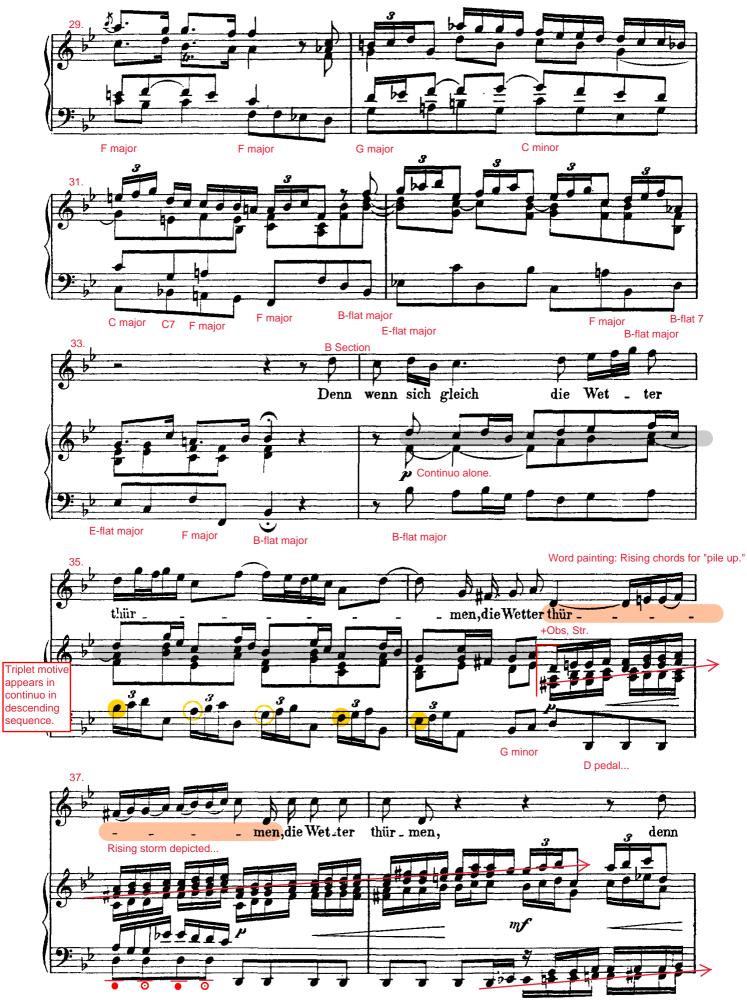
F major

G7

(C7)

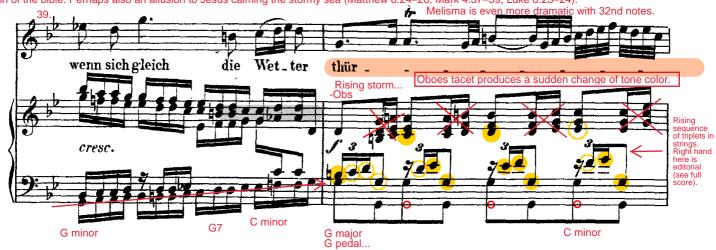
B-flat major

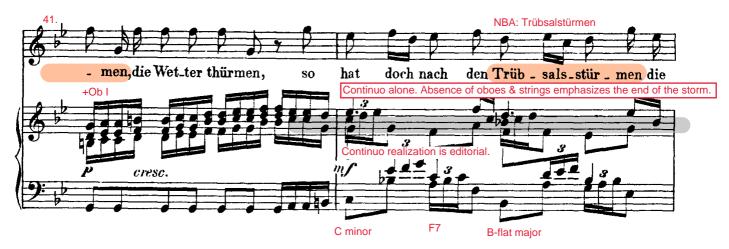


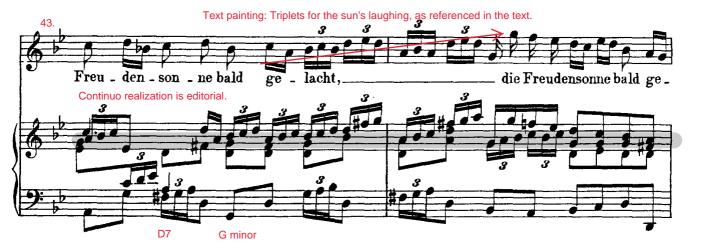


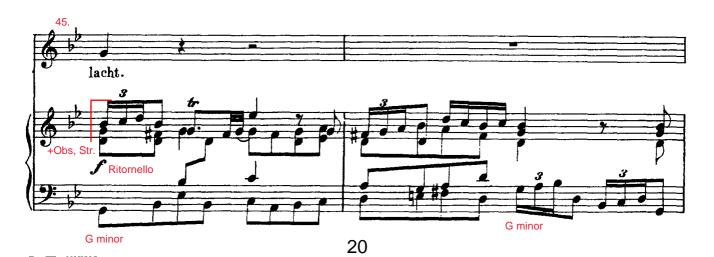
Continuo has repeated 8ths as pedal tones and rising chromatic 16ths.

Apparent allusion to Tobit (long version) 3:21–22, vv. 22–23 in German bible (Apocrypha): "For this I truly know: Whoever serves God will be comforted after the attack and redeemed out of tribulation, and after chastening he will find mercy. For you find no delight in our perishing. For after the storm (Luther 1545: Ungewitter) you let the sun shine again, and after our wailing and crying you shower us with joys." See side note for German original in Luther's 1545 translation of the bible. Perhaps also an allusion to Jesus calming the stormy sea (Matthew 8:24–26, Mark 4:37–39, Luke 8:23–24).



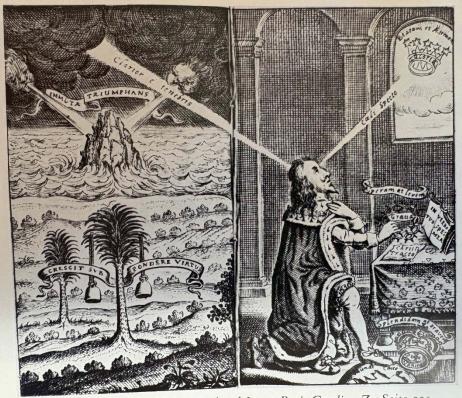












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Die edle Palme wächst je mehr man sie beschweret.1



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