

J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas

Form (*Italics* = biblical text): Chorus - Aria (T) - Recit (B) - Aria (A) - Duet (S/T) - Aria (B) - Chorale.
 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).

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NBA I/2; BC A10

Christmas Day (BWV 63, 91, 110, 248-I, 191)

*Titus 2:11-14 (The grace of God has appeared)
or: *Isaiah 9:2-7 (The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; unto us a child is born)

*Luke 2:1-14 (The birth of Christ, announcement to the shepherds, the praise of the angels)

Librettist: Georg Christian Lehms. This cantata is adapted from some pre-existing movements.

FP: 25 December 1725

(3rd annual Leipzig cycle:

St. Nicholas in the morning &

St. Thomas at afternoon Vespers.)

Nº 1. (Coro.)

110/1.

(Maestoso $\text{♩} = 60$)

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Cantata No. 110

Unser Mund sei voll Lachens

(Music from BWV 1069). •Laughter for great things God has done: Psalm 126:2a, 3a (110/1). Utilizing the French overture from the orchestral suite BWV 1069, Bach added trumpets and embedded a choral part in the fast imitative section. For addition comments and studies on the trumpet parts, see note above.

4. Aria (A)	3. Recit (B)	5. Duet (S/T)
2. Aria (T)	1. Chorus	6. Aria (B)
7. Chorale		

The librettist did not specify movement types; the assignments were chosen by Bach.



See full score.

Festive Instrumentation:

Tromba I, II, III

Timpani

Flauto traverso I, II

Oboe I, also Oboe d'amore

Oboe II

Oboe III, also Oboe da caccia

Fagotto

Vln I, II

Vla

S (also S in ripieno)

A (also A in ripieno)

T (also T in ripieno)

B (also B in ripieno)

Continuo, Organo,

Fagotto

French overture featuring instruments in concertante interplay (= entrance of the king).

Bach's decision to use pre-existing music may be related to his discouragement at the time (see note).

In a later performance of the cantata, Bach strengthened the movement's concerto character by augmenting the chorus with ripieno parts. See Alfred Dürr, *The Cantatas of J. S. Bach*, trans. Richard Jones (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), p. 99, and Petzoldt, *Bach Kommentar 2:109*. The two psalm verses occur simultaneously in mm. 108-117.

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14. C#7 F# minor D major (A major) E7 A major

17. A major

19. G# dim.7 A minor D7 G major

21. Trps A7 D major E7 A major

A (Poco mosso $\text{d} = 100.$)

Soprano.

24. Psalm 126:2a Choral Insertion ("Choreleinbau") Alto. con ripieni Un - ser -
Tutti Un - ser - Mund sei - voll - La -

Coro pieno. Tenore. Un - ser - Mund sei - voll - La -

Basso. Un - ser - Mund sei - voll - La -

A *mf* A major

Text painting: Skipping and triplet rhythms depict the laughter referenced in the text, the vocal lines embedded in the imitative section of the French overture borrowed from the orchestral suite BWV 1069. Meredith Little and Natalie Jenne write that the "giga-like" choral section "literally shakes with joyous laughter. See *Dance and the Music of J. S. Bach*, expanded ed. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001), pp. 274–75. Apparently, the psalm text originally celebrated the return of the Hebrew exiles from Babylon.

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28.

Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
Un ser Mund sei voll La

A7 D major D7 G major A7

32.

chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La

D major E7 A7 D7

36.

chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La

G major B7 E minor E7 A major A7 D major D7

Trps punctuate the beats...

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40.

chens und uns-re Zun-ge voll
chens und uns-re Zun-ge voll
chens und uns-re Zun-ge voll
La

G major A7 D major

44.

Rüh-mens.
Rüh-mens.
Rüh-mens.
chens und uns-re Zun-ge voll Rüh-mens.

Trumpets punctuate downbeats...

D major D major

B Senza Ripieni.

48.

Psalm 126:3a

Solo

Denn der Herr, der Herr, der Herr hat Gro...
Denn der Herr, der Herr, der Herr hat Gro...
Denn der Herr, der Herr, der Herr hat Gro...

Reduced (homophonic) texture: flutes (doubling), oboes, bassoon; no vocal bass or continuo (mm. 48–66). In BWV 1069, oboes and bassoon alone, no continuo.

B

Bassoon alone, no continuo (like the original, BWV 1069).

D major D7 G major E7 A major F#7 B minor

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52.

sses an uns ge than, an uns ge
 sses an uns ge than, der Herr hat
 sses an uns ge than, Grosses an uns,

A# dim.7 F#7 B7 E major E7

56.

than, der Herr hat Grosses an uns ge than, der Herr hat Grosses
 Grosses an uns ge than, an uns! Der Herr hat Grosses an uns gr.
 Grosses an uns! Denn der Herr, der Herr hat

A7 D major E7

60.

an uns ge than, denn der Herr hat Grosses an uns ge
 than, an uns ge than, denn der Herr hat Grosses an uns ge
 Grosses an uns ge than, denn der Herr hat Grosses an uns ge

A minor A minor

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Psalm 126:2a.

64. **C** **Tutti.**
 than, Gro - - - sses an uns, an uns ge - than! con ripieni
 than, Gro - - - sses an uns, an uns ge - than! **Tutti**
 than, Gro - - - sses! Gro - - - sses an uns ge - than! Un - ser -
C Trumpets punctuate downbeats.
 +Continuo
 B7 E major A major A major

68. Un - ser - Mund sei - voll La -
 Mund sei - voll La -
 Mund sei - voll La - chens, voll La -
 Un - ser - Mund sei - voll
 A major

72. chens, sei - voll La -
 chens, un - ser - Mund sei - voll La -
 chens, voll La -
 La - chens, un - ser - Mund sei - voll La -
 A major B7

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76.

chens, un - ser Mund sei voll La -
chens, un - ser Mund sei voll
chens, un - ser Mund sei voll La -
chens, un - ser Mund sei voll La -
chens, un - ser Mund sei voll La -
chens, un - ser Mund sei voll La -

E7 A7 D major B7 (tr.) E major E7

80.

chens und uns_re
La - chens und uns_re
chens und uns_re
Mund sei voll La - chens und uns_re

Trps punctuate beats

A major A7 D major E7 A major

84.

Zun - ge voll Rüh - mens.
Zun - ge voll Rüh - mens.
Zun - ge voll Rüh - mens.
chens und uns_re Zun - ge voll Rüh - mens. Denn der

Bass leads, as the voice of authority.

Strings

Instrumental groups alternate.

E7 A major A major

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Psalm 126:3a.

88. Psalm 126:5a.

Denn der Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge - than, denn der

Denn der Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge - than, denn der

Denn der Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge - than, denn der

Herr,

Flutes & Oboes

Trps

Trps

Tutti (Trp punctuate)

A major

A7

D major

A major

A7

D major

92. D major

Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge than, der Herr hat Gro -
Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge than, der Herr hat -
Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge than, denn der -
denn der Herr, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge than, denn der -

Flutes & Oboes

Trps punctuate beats.

Tutti

D7 G major G major

D7 G major

G major

C major.

96.

sses an uns, an uns ge - than, an uns ge - than!
 Gro - sses an uns ge - than, der Herr_ hat Gro - sses an uns ge -
 Herr hat Gro - sses an uns gethan, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge -
 Herr hat Gro - sses an uns gethan, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge -

E7 A major F#7 B minor

E7

A major

F#7

B minor

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E Psalm 126:2a.

99.

Un - ser_ Mund sei _ voll_ La -
than! Imitative texture, descending entries.
than!

Un - ser_ Mund sei _ voll_ La -
than! **E**

L. H. Trps

B minor

103.

chens und uns _re
chens und uns _re Zun _ge_ voll_

Mund sei _ voll_ La _ chens und uns _re Zun _ge_ voll_ Rüh -
Un - ser_ Mund sei _ voll_ La _ chens und uns _re

B minor D# dim.7 E minor F#7

Psalm 126:2a & 3a (The 2 psalm verses occur in overlapping manner.)

107.

Zun _ge voll Rüh - mens. Denn, denn der Herr,
Rüh - mens, un - ser_ Mund sei _ voll_ La -
mens, un - ser_ Mund sei _ voll_ La -

Zun _ge voll Rüh - mens Trp I Trps Un - ser_

B minor B minor B minor B7

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111

der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge - than, der Herr hat
chens und uns - re Zun - ge voll
chens und uns - re Zun - ge voll
Mund sei - voll La - chens, voll La -

E minor

Psalm 126:2a.

E minor

115

Gro - sses - an - uns - ge - than! Un - ser - Mund sei - voll -
Rüh - mens, Imitative texture,
descending entries.
un - ser -
Rüh - mens,
chens,

Trps F Timp

D major D7 G major

119

La -
Mund sei - voll - La -
un - ser - Mund sei - voll La - chens und uns - re
un - ser - Mund sei - voll

Trps

G major

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123.

chens und uns_{re} Zun _{ge} voll Rüh _{mens}. Un _{ser}
Zun _{ge} voll Rüh _{mens}. Un _{ser}
La ₋ chens und uns_{re} Zun _{ge} voll Rüh _{mens}.

G D7 G major G major

127.

Mund sei voll La chens! Solo
Mund sei voll La chens! Psalm 126:3a.
(Senza Ripieni.)

Denn der Herr, der Herr, der

G G major G7 C major A7 D major B7

Basso.

131.

Herr, der Herr hat Grosses an uns ge_than, der Herr hat Grosses an uns ge_

E minor E7

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135.

than, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge - than, an uns, an uns ge -

A major A7 D7 G major G minor

139.

than, der Herr hat Gro - sses an uns ge - than, an uns ge - than, Gro - sses!

C# dim.7 G# dim.7 A7 B-flat major 7

143.

Gro - sses! Denn der Herr hat Gro - - sses an uns ge -

D minor E7 A major A7 D major

147.

H **Tutti.** Psalm 126:2a.

con ripieni

Tutti Un - ser -

Un - ser - Mund sei - voll - La -

Un - ser - Mund sei - voll - La -

than!

D major E7 A major

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151.

Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
Un ser Mund sei voll La

A7 D major D7 G major A7

155.

chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La

D major E7 A7 D7

159.

chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
chens, un ser Mund sei voll La
Trps punctuate...

G major B7 E minor E7 A major A7 D major D7

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163.

chens und uns-re Zun - ge voll
chens und uns-re Zun - ge voll
chens und uns-re Zun - ge voll

La

G major A7 D major E7

167. (Tempo I.)

Rüh mens.

Rüh mens.

Rüh mens.

chens und uns - re Zun - ge voll Rüh - mens. Trumpets tacet.

A7 D major D major

Musical score for piano, page 170, measures 170-171. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 170 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 171 begins with a piano dynamic, followed by a melodic line labeled "L. H...". The harmonic analysis indicates a progression from D# dim.7 to B7.

A musical score for piano, page 172, in E minor. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the right hand (treble clef) and the bottom staff is for the left hand (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note chords. A red bracket labeled 'T d' is positioned above the right-hand staff, indicating a specific technical detail or dynamic. The key signature 'E minor' is written in red at the bottom left of the page.

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174.

D major D7 G major E minor A7

L.H. R.H. D major D major

F#7 B minor A7 D major

D major

L.H...; Trps (see full score).

G major A7 D major D major

D7

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Nº2.Aria.

•Incarnation: Praise God for coming down from heaven (110/2).

110/2. (Allegro moderato $\text{♩} = 88$)

1.

Fl II

Ritornello (related to vocal part).

+Fagotto (marked "piano sempre")

Fl I



B minor For Johann Mattheson's comments
on B minor, see note.

F# minor

3.

C#(7)

F# minor

5.

B major

B7

E major

E7

A major

C#7

7.

F# minor

9.

Continuo adopts the "flitting" 16ths...

F# minor

F#7

11. F# minor

Text painting: The tenor sings an upwardly flitting motive to depict the text's injunction for thoughts and senses to soar aloft. This motive is expanded & played in alternation by the flutes.

Fl II

Fl I

Fl II

Fl I

NBA: anitzt (each time)

Ihr Gedanken und ihr Sinnen, schwinget euch an - jetzt von

B minor

B minor

A(7)

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.

13.

Fl II

Fl I answers the tenor's call to soar aloft.

hin-nen!

Ihr Ge...

D major

F#7

B minor

16. Note: "Gedanken" ("thoughts") is set as a 16th-note coloratura, while "Sinnen" ("senses") is set as a sustained note (the latter perhaps suggesting thoughtful contemplation).

dan-ken und ihr Sin-

Fl II

B minor

F# minor

C(7)

F# minor

18.

nen, ihr Ge-dan-ken und ihr Sin-

Fl II

F# minor

A major

E(7)

A major

21.

euch an-jetzt von hin-nen, stei-get schleunig himmel-an und bedenkt,

bedenkt,

Fl II

A7

B7

E minor

A7

D major

D7

G major

A7

D major

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23.

und bedenkt, was Gott ge - than, be - denkt, was Gott gethan; ihr Ge - danken und ihr

F# minor

D major

D major

Text painting: Ascending scale for "climb swiftly heavenward."

26.

Sinnen, schwinget euch an. jetzt von hin - nen, stei - get schleunig himmelan, und be -

F# minor

D major

F#7

B minor

E7

28.

denkt, be - denkt, was Gott ge - than, stei - get schleunig himmel - an und be -

A major

C# major

F# minor

E7

C#7

hemiola

31.

denkt, was Gott ge - than, be - denkt, bedenkt, und bedenkt, was Gott - ge -

F# minor

F# minor

F# minor

Continuo adopts the "flitting" 16ths...

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33.

than!
Fl II
F# minor
E7
A major
Fl I

36.

Er wird Mensch und dies al-
He becomes human and this solely
F# minor
F# minor
F# minor
B7
D# dim.7

Figura corta followed by sigh responds to Incarnation reference.



38.

NBA: Himmels Kinder (each time).
lein, dass wir Got-tes Kin-der sein; er wird Menach und dies al-
that we (heaven's) children might-be
Text painting:
Descending lines
for "he becomes
human."
Fl II
Flutes repeat the figure "dies allein" ("this solely").

E minor
E minor

41.

lein, er wird Mensch und dies al - lein, dass wir Got-tes Kinder
Fl II
D(7)
G major
G# dim.7
A minor
A# dim.7

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43.

Diminished & minor chords for reference to God becoming man.

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

46.

D# dim.7 E minor A# dim.7 B minor

48. Rhetorical repetition of "wir" ("we") leading to high G to express amazement.

sein, wir, wir, dass wir Gottes, Got -tes Kinder sein

B minor B minor B minor

51.

B minor B minor

53.

B minor B7 E major E7

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55.

A major A7 D major

F#7 B minor

57.

B minor B minor

59.

B minor B minor

Nº 3. Recitativo. (Jeremia, Cap. 10, V. 6.)

110/3. (Maestoso ♩ = 58.) •God's greatness is beyond all else: Jeremiah 10:6 (110/3).

1. Basso.

Dir, Herr, ist Niemand gleich! Du bist gross, und dein

Text painting: God's immutable and almighty character reflected in repeated ascending motive.

F# minor E major

The prophet's 3-fold tribute to God corresponds to the angels' 3-fold acclamation in no. 5 (the counterpart to no. 3 in the cantata's symmetrical structure). See Petzoldt, Bach Kommentar 2:110.

Na - me_ ist gross, und kannst's mit der That be_wei_sen.

A major A major

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 contrast is between humanity's lowly position ("a worm"), which is exalted in the Incarnation to the status of heir.

Alfred Dürr writes, "[The movement] is again bipartite: here this form is determined by the antithesis prescribed in the text between mankind cursed and mankind redeemed." See *The Cantatas of J. S. Bach*, trans. Richard Jones (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), 99.

Nº 4. Aria. 110/4. (Andante $\text{♩} = 72$)

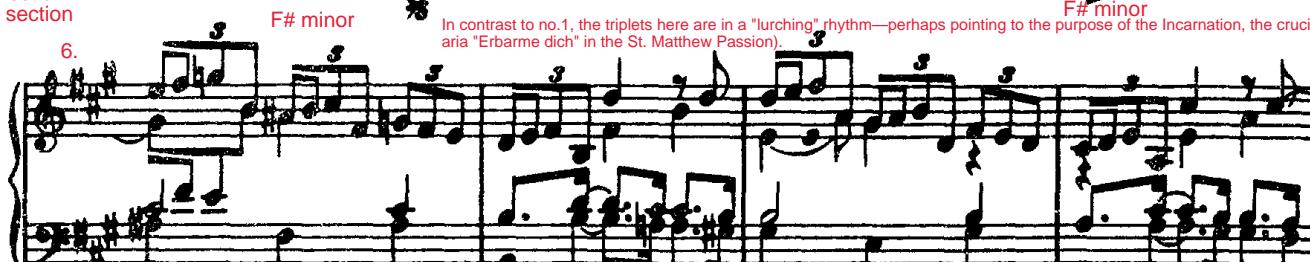
•Incarnation: Man lowly yet exalted in incarnation (110/4).

Alto is often the voice of faith. See Martin Petzoldt, *Bach Kommentar 2:110*. The lamenting quality of this movement may reflect Bach's discouragement at the end of 1725 (see note at no. 1).



The triplets create an interconnection with the 9/8 section of no. 1.

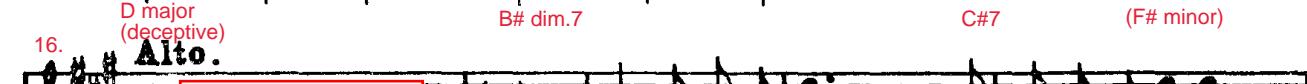
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In contrast to no. 1, the triplets here are in a "lurching" rhythm—perhaps pointing to the purpose of the Incarnation, the crucifixion (compare the aria "Erbarme dich" in the St. Matthew Passion).



Tortured obbligato related to the reference to "worm" later.



Alto.

The Question (= Devise)

Ach Herr! was ist ein Menschenkind, dass du sein Heil so schmerlich



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su - chest?



F# minor

E# dim.7

F# minor

25.

Ach Herr! was ist ein Menschenkind, dass du sein Heil so schmerzlich

F# minor F# minor

29.

su - chest, ach Herr! was ist ein Menschenkind, dass du sein Heil so schmerz - lich

F# minor A# dim.7 B minor E7

33.

The reference to mankind as a "worm" alludes to biblical passages such as Psalm 22:6, Job 25:5–6, and Isaiah 41:14. See note.

su - chest? Ein Wurm, den du ver - flu - chest, wenn

The Answer Text painting: Tritone for "a worm."

A major (B# dim.7) B# dim.7 G#7

Text painting: "Chromaticism and large leaps for 'A worm, whom thou dost curse when hell and Satan are about him,' with twisting, tortured obbligato line."

36.

Höll' und Sa - tan um ihn sind, ein Wurm, den du ver -

Dissonance for "hell" and Satan.¹

Cross relation

Fx dim.7 C# minor A major deceptive Fx dim.7

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42.

C# minor

C# minor

47.

Doch auch dein Sohn, den Seel' und

B# dim. 7 C# minor C# minor E7

51. Word painting: "Liebe" (love) is stressed with sustained notes that extend over the barline.

Geist aus Lie - - be sei nen Er-ben heisst, doch auch dein Sohn, den Seel' und

Canon

A major 5/4

55. A major

Text painting: Brief canon for the reference to the Son in the manger making humanity into son

Geist aus Lie - be sei - nen Er - ben hei - stet, aus Lie - - -

Ob d'am plays ritornello
= m. 2.

Ob d'am = m. 3

B minor E# dim.7 C#7 (F# minor) E# minor E7

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Pauses serve to emphasize the singer's interjections, which are embedded in the ritornello theme.

59.

be seinen Erben heisst, doch auch dein Sohn,
Ob d'am = m. 4. Ob d'am & Bc = m. 5. Ob d'am = m. 6.
Ob d'am & Bc = m. 7.

C#7 F# minor F#7 F#7 B minor

63. Text painting: While the oboe d'amore plays the theme associated with "What is man?...a worm," the singer interjects
"But also a son and heir," the pauses serving rhetorically to emphasize the antithesis.

Sohn, Ob d'am = m. 8. doch auch dein Sohn, Ob d'am = m. 9. den Seel' und Ob d'am = m. 10.

E7 A major

66.

Geist aus Lie - - - be sei - nen Er - ben heisst, doch auch dein Sohn,
Ob d'am = m. 11. Ob d'am = m. 12. Ob d'am = m. 13.

E# dim.7 F# minor D major deceptive

69.

den Seel' und Geist aus Lie - - - be sei - nen Er - ben heisst.

B# dim.7 C#7 F# minor F# minor

Dal Segno.

The text is the German "Gloria in excelsis"—the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth to the Bethlehem shepherds. Bach substantially reworked the music from his "Virga Jesse floruit" (the 4th interpolated movement in the 1723 version of his Magnificat). The pastoral associations in both works are represented by the siciliano rhythm.

Nº 5. Duetto. (Evangelium Lucae, Cap. 2, V. 14.)

Largo. ($\text{♩} = 60$)

(Music from BWV 243a (the interpolated "Virga Jesse floruit" in the 1723 version of Bach's Magnificat, there in E-flat major) • Glory to God in the highest: Luke 2:14 (110/5).



Text painting: Continuously rising continuo figures suggest the praise referenced in the text.

Soprano.

Tenore.

Martin Petzoldt argues that despite the disparity in length between movements 3 and 5 (5 mm. vs. 51 mm.), Bach stresses that they are counterparts in a symmetrical structure with a similar 3-fold division. See Petzoldt, *Bach Kommentar* 2:112.

Eh - re, Eh - Canonic imitation leading to parallel 3rds.

The long melismas express the jubilation of the text. In the original, they expressed "floruit" (the "blossoming" of the Rod of Jesse).

A major

Parallel 3rds for sweetness... Long coloraturas for "Ehre" ("glory"). A major

Canonic imitation...

6.

Eh - - - - re sei Gott - - - -

Eh - - - - re sei

A major

8.

in der Hö - he, Ehre sei Gott in der Hö -

Gott - in der Hö - he, in - der Hö -

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10.

he, Eh re sei Gott in der Hö

cresc.

A major B major C# minor A major

he, Eh re, Eh

cresc.

E major E major

re sei Gott in der

re sei Gott in der Hö

Hö he, in der Hö

Ehre sei Gott in der Hö

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18.

he, Eh

he, Eh-re sei Gott,

20. E major

E major

re sei Gott in der Hö

Eh

re sei

22.

he,

Gott in der Hö he,

Ritornello

mf

E major

und

und

E major E7

25.

Frie de, Frie de, Frie de, Frie de auf

Frie de, Frie de, Frie de, Frie de auf

A major

C#7

Text painting: "Peace on earth" is set as a descending passage of parallel 3rds with intermittent pauses on sustained notes held over the bar line, then parallel melismas (as if supplicating), while the bass continues the pastoral figure.

Sequentially rising coloraturas in parallel 3rds for "earth" followed by a sequentially descending figure with intermittent pauses on sustained notes held over to the following beat, treated imitatively, for "peace on earth."

28.

Er - den, und Frie - de auf
Er - den, und Frie - de, Frie -

C#7 F# minor F# minor

30.

Er - den, und Frie - de auf Er - den, und Frie - de auf
- de auf Er - den, und Frie - de auf Er - den, und Frie -

32. E major C# minor

35.

Er - den, und Friede auf Er - den,
- de auf Er - den, auf Er - den,

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

35.

und den Menschen ein
und den Menschen ein Wohl - ge -

E# dim.7

C# minor F# m7 B minor E7 A major DM7 (E7) F# minor C#7 F# minor

The musical score consists of three staves: soprano, alto, and piano. The soprano and alto sing in parallel 3rds, while the piano provides harmonic support and rhythmic patterns. The vocal parts feature coloratura figures and sustained notes. Red annotations highlight specific notes and chords, such as yellow circles on the 'Frie' notes in measure 28, red arrows pointing from 'Frie' to 'de auf' in measure 28, and red arrows pointing from 'den' to 'auf' in measure 30. Chord labels like C#7, F# minor, and E major are placed below the piano staff. Measure numbers 28, 30, and 32 are indicated above the staves. The vocal parts continue with 'und Friede auf' in measure 32 and 'den, auf den,' in measure 35. The piano part includes a ritornello section and a final chord labeled E# dim.7.

After an imitative beginning of 3 notes, the alto proceeds with a long coloratura on "Wohlgefallen" ("good will"), while the soprano accompanies in slower notes.

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37.

39.

Wohl .. ge .. fallen, ein Wohl .. ge .. fal .. len,
 - - - - len, ein Wohl .. ge .. fal .. len,

41.

The above pattern is reversed: After an imitative beginning of 3 notes, the soprano proceeds with a long coloratura on "Wohlgefallen" ("good will"), while the alto accompanies in slower notes.

und den Menschen ein Wohl - ge - fal -

und den Menschen ein Wohl - ge - fal - len,

E major G#7 C# minor F#7

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The voices conclude with a kind of coda in parallel 3rds.

43.

len, ein Wohl - ge - fal - len, ein Wohl - ge - fal -

und den Menschen ein Wohl - ge - fal - len,

ein Wohl - ge - fal -

cresc.

B minor

E7

A major

45.

len, ein Wohlge - fal - len, und den Menschen ein

len, den Men - schen ein Wohl - ge - fal - len, und den Menschen ein

A major

47.

Wohl - ge - fal - len, ein Wohl - ge - fal - len!

Wohl - ge - fal - len, ein Wohl - ge - fal - len!

mf Ritornello

A major

A major

49.

A major

Konrad Küster notes, "In the outer sections, there is a lively interplay between the trumpet, violin I, and bass" ("Zwischen Trompete, Violine I und Bass ergibt sich in den Außenteilen ein schwungvolles Wechselspiel"). See Konrad Küster, ed., *Bach Handbuch* (Kassel: Bärenreiter, 1999), p. 309.

Modified
ca capo form

Nº 6. Aria. •Praise to God: Humans exhorted to musical praise (110/6).

110/6. (Allegro moderato $\text{♩} = 84$)

While Alfred Dürr suggests similarities to the opening chorus on account of the full orchestration (with trumpet), Martin Petzoldt notes the similarities to no. 2 on account of the text's exhortation to praise. See Dürr, 99; Petzoldt 2:112.

1. Trp plays "awake motive." Ritornello Woodwinds double strings at first. D major Tutti response \ddagger Trp and Ob alternate with "Freudenlieder" motive (m. 20).

3. D major 6. Ob I Trp D major F#7 B minor B7 E minor Trp plays figura corta (see full score and note). Ob I A7 D major

11. A7 D major

13. Basso. Fanfare opening for the wake up call "Wacht auf!" Wacht auf, wacht auf! wacht auf, wacht auf! wacht auf, ihr Adern und ihr mf Tutti response. D major D major D major

Heroic style:
Bass is often
the voice of
authority.



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16.

Glieder, ihr A - dern und ihr Glieder, und singt der gleichen Freuden - lie - der, der -

D major D major D major

Word painting: Melisma for "Freudenlieder."

19.

glei - chen Freu - den - lie - der, und singt der gleichen Freu -

F#7 B minor B7 E minor

21.

- - den - lie - der, der gleichen Freuden - lie - der, die un - serm

Trp tacet

A7 D major D major E major

24.

Gott ge - fäl - lig sein, unserm Gott ge - fäl - - - lig sein. Trp

E major A major F# minor deceptive A major E7 A major A major

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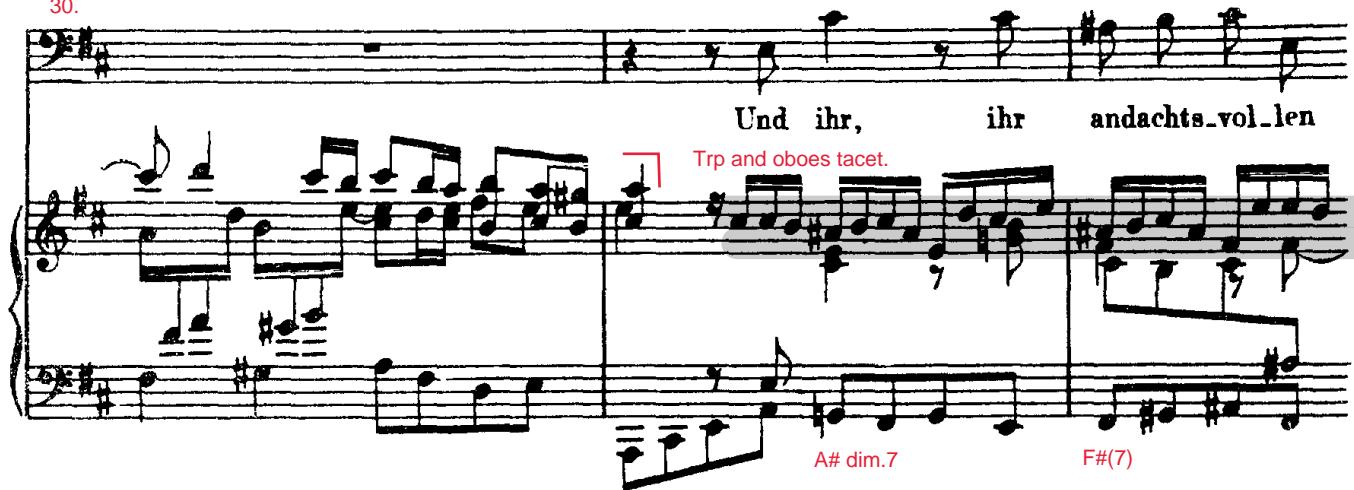
28.

A major A major

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Text painting: At the mention of "Saiten" ("strings"), the winds are drop out.

30.

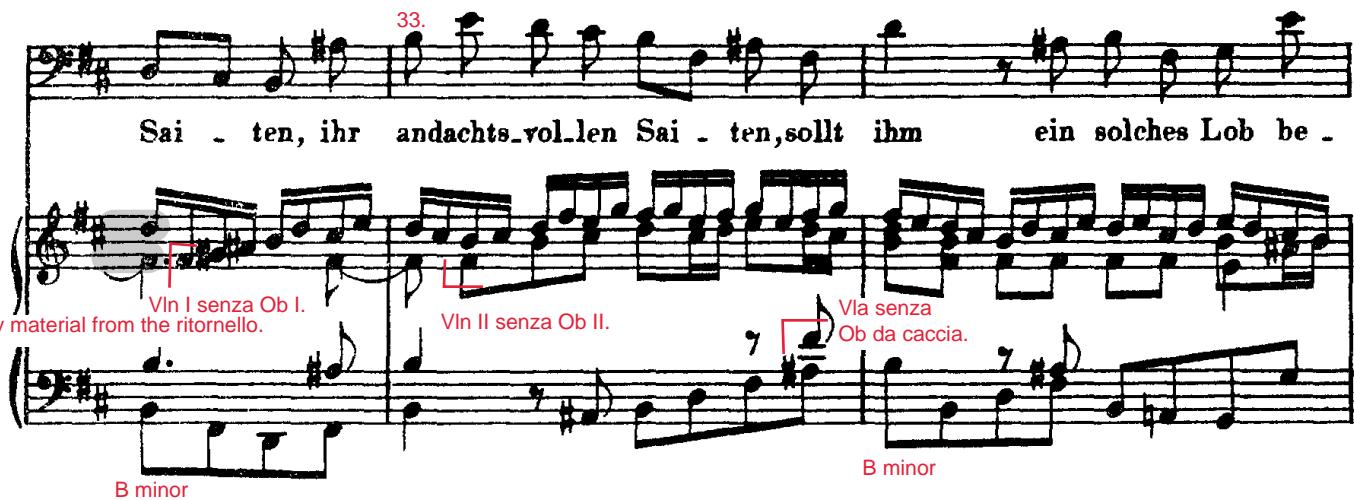


Und ihr, ihr andachts_vollen

Trp and oboes tacet.

A# dim.7 F#(7)

33.



Sai - ten, ihr andachts_vollen

Sai - ten, sollt ihm ein solches Lob be -

Vln I senza Ob I.

Vln II senza Ob II.

Vla senza Ob da caccia.

B minor

B minor

35.



rei - ten, ihr andachts_vollen

Sai - ten, ihr an - - dachts -

B minor

B7 E minor

E minor E7

38.



vol - len - Sai - ten, ihr an - - dachts - vol - len -

A major

A7

D major

D major

D7

G major

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40.

Sai _ ten, sollt ihm ein _ sol _ ches_ Lob be _ rei _

Vln I Trp

G major B major E minor F#7 A# dim.7 B minor B minor

43.

ten, da _ bei sich Herz und Geist, Herz und Geist er _

Trp tacet

E7 G# dim.7 F# major E major B minor

45.

freu _ n, Word painting: Long melisma with florid line in Vln I for 'erfreun' ('rejoice').

B minor E7 A major D major (E7)

48.

ihr andachts_vollen Sai _ ten, sollt ihm ein Lob be _

C#7 F# minor F# minor

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50.

rei - ten, da - bei sich Herz und Geist er -

F# minor F# minor

52.

freun, da - bei sich Herz und Geist erfreu'n.

Modified da capo: Bach chooses to set the aria in da capo form, even though it was not specified by the librettist.

Trp Oboes

Ritornello

F# minor F# minor D major

55.

D major

58.

D major

60.

Wacht auf, wacht auf! wacht auf, wacht auf! wacht auf, ihr Adern und ihr

mf

D major D major

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63.

Glie._der, ihr A _ dern und ihr Gli.e._der, und singt der_gle_i_chen Freu._den .

D major

65.

lie._der, der_gle_i_chen Freu._den - lie._der, und singt _____

F#7 B minor B7 E minor

67.

— dergleichen Freu - - - - den - lie - der, der -

A7 D major

70.

gleichen Freu._den - lie - der, die un - serm Gott ge - fäl - - lig

D major

72.

sein, un-serm Gott ge-fäl-lig sein.

Ritornello

D major

D major

Dal Segno.

Nº 7. Choral. (Mel.: „Wir Christenleut“.) • Alleluia: Corporate praise to God for this day. This is the last stanza of five in the 110/7.

Tutti. 1592 chorale by Kaspar Füger (1521–1592). It serves as an answer to the previous movement's call for songs of joy and as a cathechismal response to the cantata as a whole.

Soprano. 1.

+Tromba I
Flauto traverso I, II
Ob I, Vln I

+Ob II
Vln II

Ob da caccia
Vla

+Fagotto
Continuo
Organo

Al-le-lu-ja! Al-le-lu-ja! ge-lobt sei Gott! singen wir all' aus un-sers Herzens

Al-le-lu-ja! Al-le-lu-ja! ge-lobt sei Gott! singen wir all' aus un-sers Herzens

Al-le-lu-ja! Al-le-lu-ja! ge-lobt sei Gott! singen wir all' aus un-sers Herzens

Al-le-lu-ja! Al-le-lu-ja! ge-lobt sei Gott! singen wir all' aus un-sers Herzens

Moving bass line provides intensity.

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

6.

Grunde; denn Gott hat heut' ge-macht solch' Freud, der wir ver-gessen soll'n zu keiner Stun-de

Grunde; denn Gott hat heut' ge-macht solch' Freud, der wir ver-gessen soll'n zu keiner Stun-de.

Grunde; denn Gott hat heut' ge-macht solch' Freud, der wir ver-gessen soll'n zu keiner Stun-de.

Grunde; denn Gott hat heut' ge-macht solch' Freud, der wir ver-gessen soll'n zu keiner Stun-de.

B minor

F# major
B minor

E major
E7

A major
A7

D major
E major
B minor
C# minor

F#7
B major