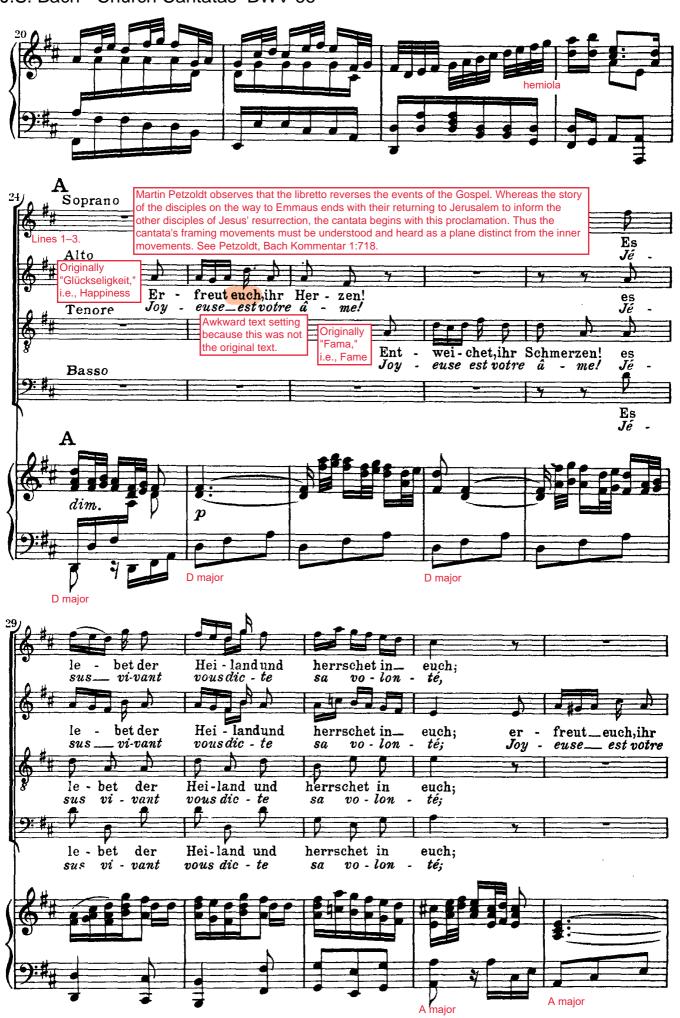
J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas BWV 66 Form: Chorus - Recit (B) - Aria (B) - Recit/arioso (T/A) - duet (A/&) - Chorale. The cantata is a re-working of a secular cantata, BWV 66a, composed in 1718 to celebrate the birthday of Prince Leopold of Anhalt-Cöthen (music lost but libretto survives). In Introduction & updates at melvinunger.com. that work, the dialogue partners were "Happiness of Anhalt" and "Fame." ("Fama" was NBA I/10; BC A56 the Greco-Roman goddess of rumor). In the sacred partners became first "Weakness" and "Confidence" (1724 version), then "Fear" and "Hope" (1731 version); implying an oppositional dimension not present in the secular original (though these conflicting emotions can be found in the Gospel reading of the new liturgical J.S. Bachsetting). Bach added a chorale at the end. Easter Monday (BWV 66, 6) \*Acts 10:34-43 (Peter preaches to Cornelius' household) \*Luke 24:13-35 (Jesus meets the disciples on the way to Emmaus) Librettist: Unknown. This cantata was adapted from BWV 66a, a Cantata No. 66 The 1724 Easter performance schedule included the first performance of Bach's St. John Passion on Friday, 2 cantatas (BWV 31 & 4) on Easter Sunday, and cantatas on Monday (BWV 66) and Tuesday (BWV 134). For Alfred Durr's notes regarding the cantata and the first movement, see side note. 1718 birthday cantata by Bach for Prince Leopold of Anhalt-Cöthen, with text by Christian Friedrich Hunold ["Menantes"] (1671-1721). It was performed on 10 December 1718. Only the libretto of BWV 66a survives. FP: 10 April 1724 (St. Thomas in the morning and St. Nicholas at afternoon Based on BWV 66a/8 (closing movement). Vespers). Again in 1731. • Easter: Rejoice & put away sorrow; Christ is risen (66/1). The text recalls the end of the Gospel reading in which the Instrumentation: 2 disciples return from Emmaus to proclaim Jesus' resurrection to the disciples in Jerusalem. Tromba (ad. lib.: added later) 1. Coro Concertante, virtuosic instrumental writing (strings contrasting with woodwinds) Ob I, II Trumpet (added later) mostly reinforces top line Fagotto Vln I, II Oboe Vla SATB Continuo Form (Rhyme: AABCCB)
Rit. (Mm. 1-24) DM
Lines 1-3 (25-50) DM-AM
Rit. (51-74) AM
Lines 1-3 (75-132) AM-DM
Rit. (131-756) DM [Fine]
Lines 4-5 (157-198) Andante (F#m)-B
Lines 4-5 (203-230) (F#m)-(AM)
Lines 4-5 (AM)
Lines 4-Bässe. Viol. e Viola Original, secular text: "Es strahle die Sonne" (May the sun radiate). D major da capò cresc D major A major A major Figura corta cresc (see side note). E minor Trp & VIns F# minor Trp & Oboes

D major

A7









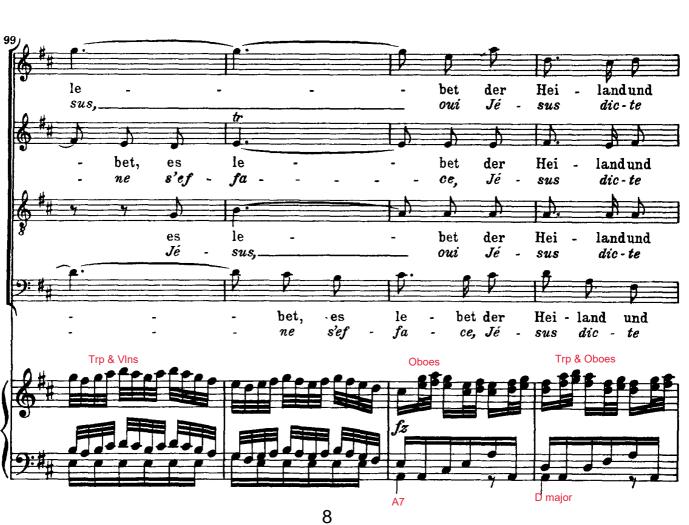












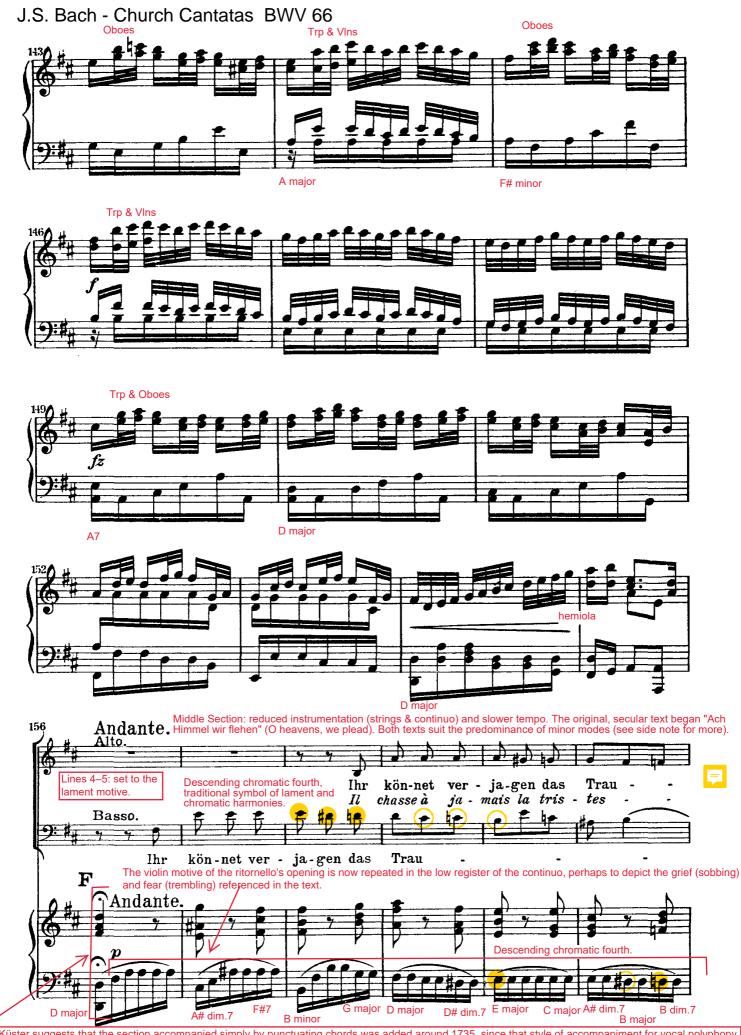




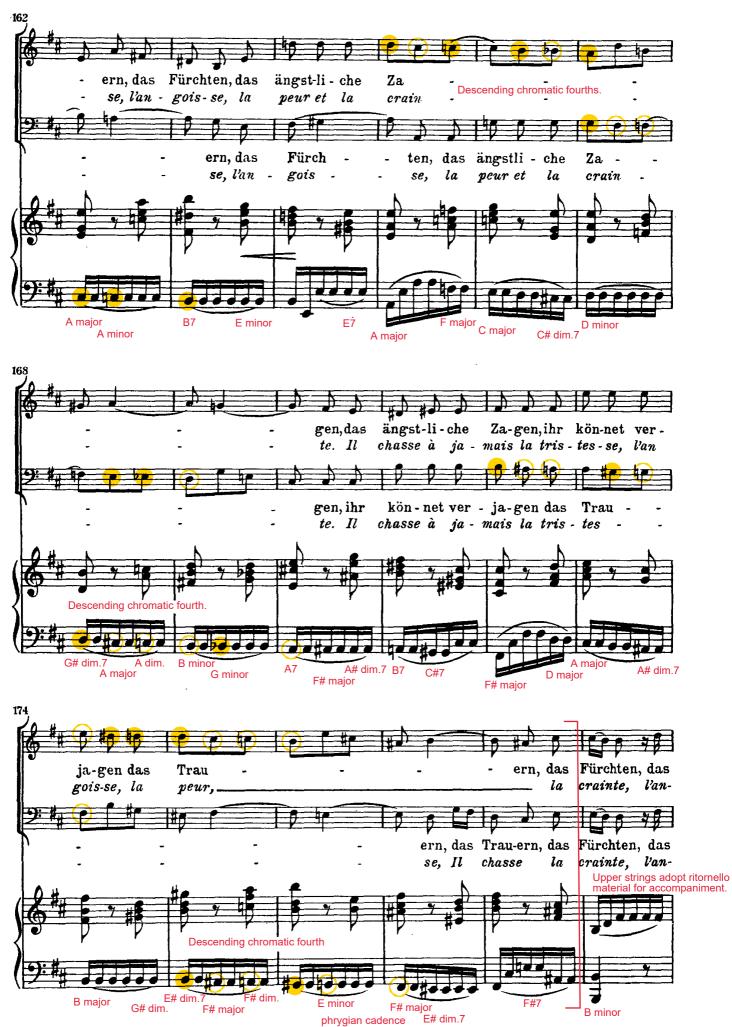








Konrad Küster suggests that the section accompanied simply by punctuating chords was added around 1735, since that style of accompaniment for vocal polyphony is more typical of Bach's later works. See Küster, ed., Bach Handbuch (Kassel: Bärenreiter, 1999), p. 240, cited by Martin Petzoldt, Bach Kommentar 1:719.





J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas BWV 66 Apparent allusion to Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Luther 1545: Ich will euch erquicken)." and I will give you rest (Luther 1545: Ich will euch erquicken). Der Hei-lander - quik-ket sein geist - liches Reich! fonde à ja - mais son roy - aume i-ci -Hei-land er - quik-ket sein geist-li fonde à ja - mais son roy - aume i geist-li - ches Reich! ängstli che Za - gen: der bon - té. geist-li-ches Reich! Der Hei - land er - quik-ket sein Ilfonde à ja - mais son roy - aume i - ci - bas! gen: der Za Hei - land er - quik-ket sein Ihr geist-li - ches Reich! lar mes, Il fonde à ja - mais son roy - aume i - ci - bas! IlE# dim.7 B minor 203 Alto Lines 4–5: set to pleading motives that recall the original secular text "flehen"/"plead" here becomes Ihr verjagen"/"put to flight"). kön - net ver Basso chas - se lacrain kön - net ja ver gen das crain chas - se late, l'an E# dim.7 F# minor C#7 F# minor Word painting: Instruments drop out for the word "fearful." 208 gen das Trau-ern, das Fürchten, das ängst te, l'an - gois - se, lapeur et crain Trau ern, das Fürch-ten, das ängstli - che Za gois se, l'an - gois-se, la\_ peur et la\_ crain -Continuo alone

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D# dim.7

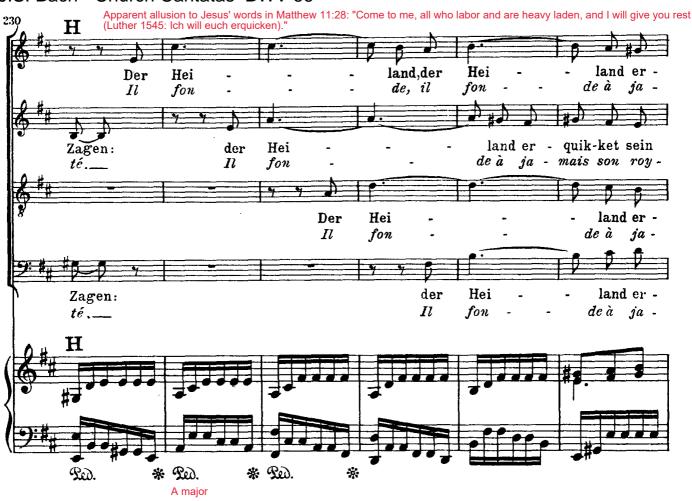
B minor

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E minor

The repeated-note figure from the ritornello is used here to depict the trembling of the fear referenced in the text. The figure is related to the *stile concitato* (agitated style) invented (or "rediscovered") by Claudio Monteverdi for his eighth book of madrigals (Madrigali guerrieri ed amorosi, 1638), characterized in particular by a "combat motive" of repeated 16th notes.

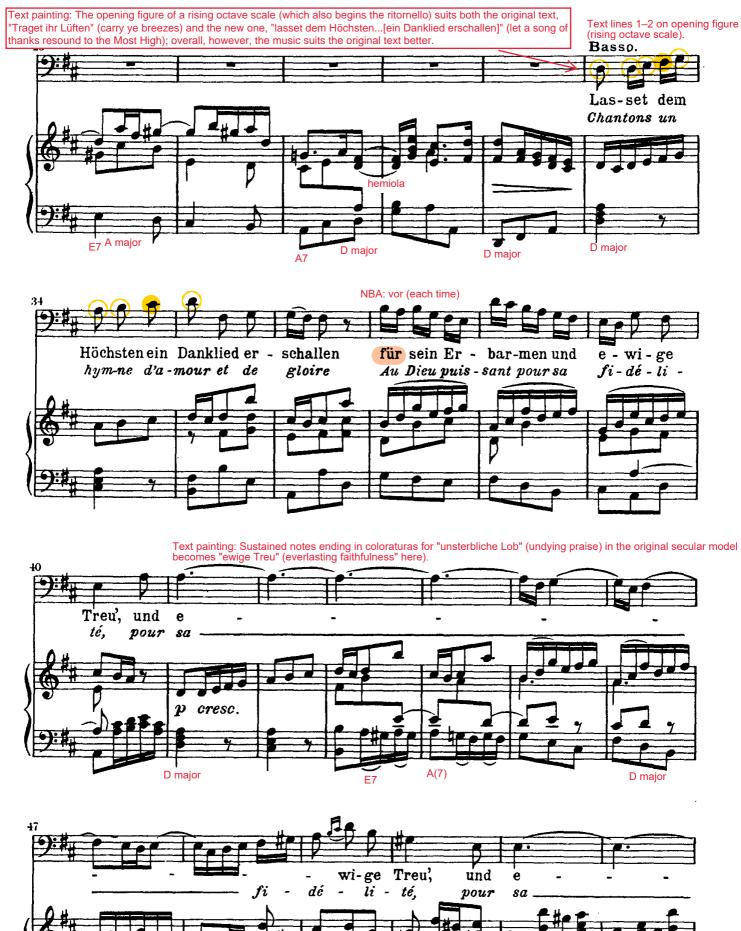






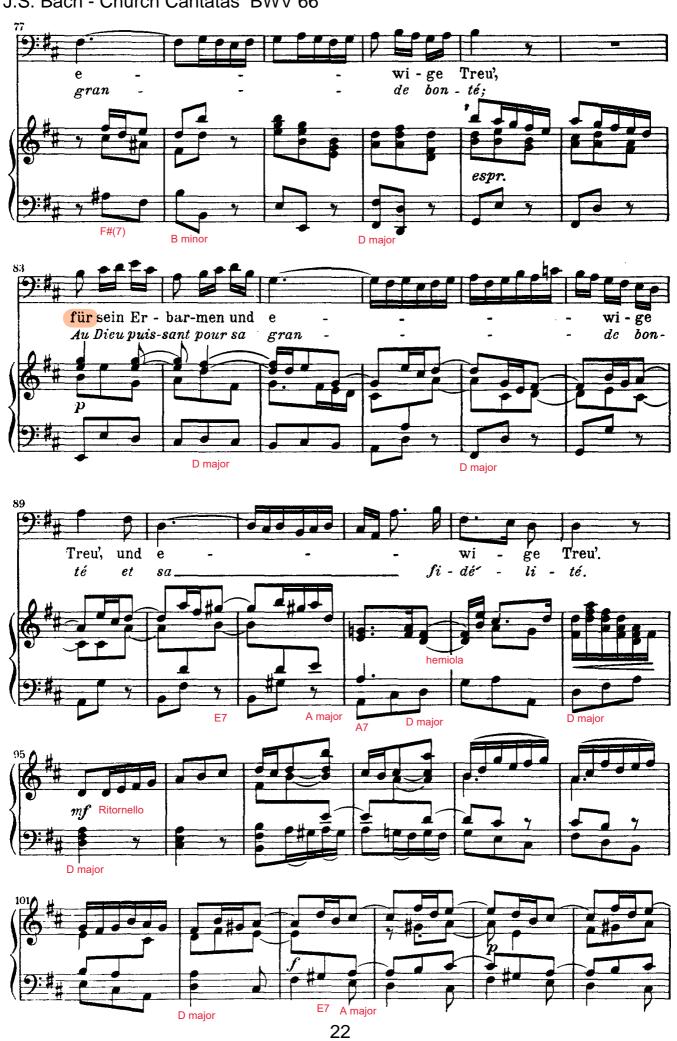


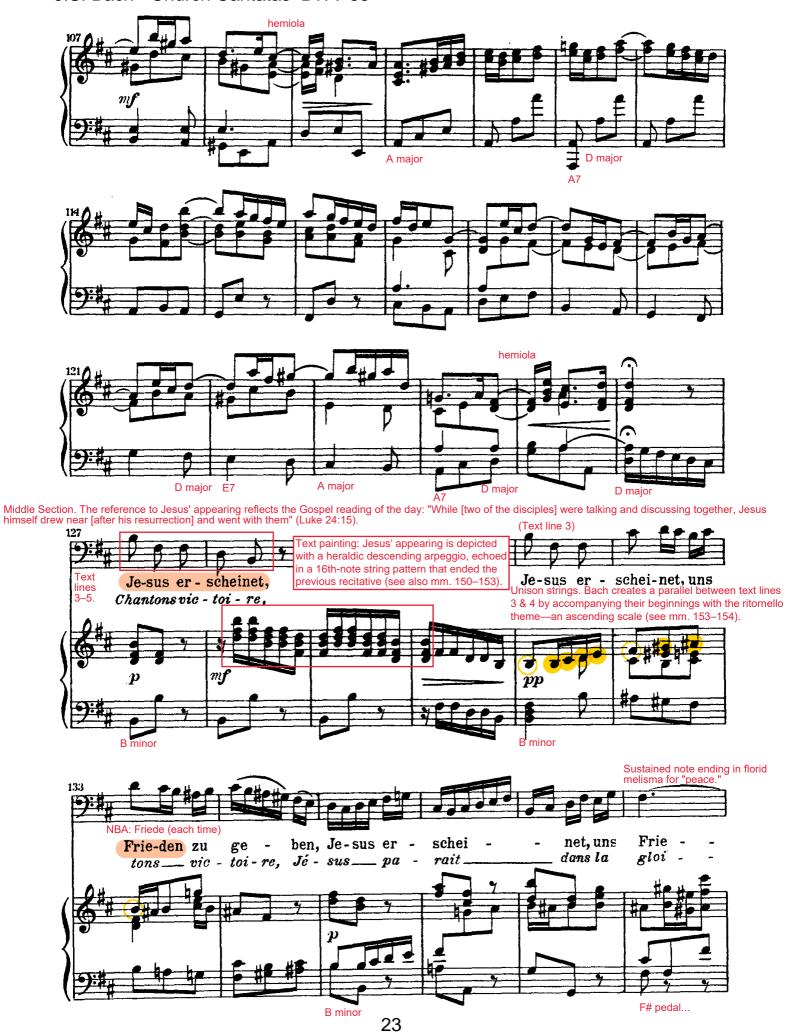


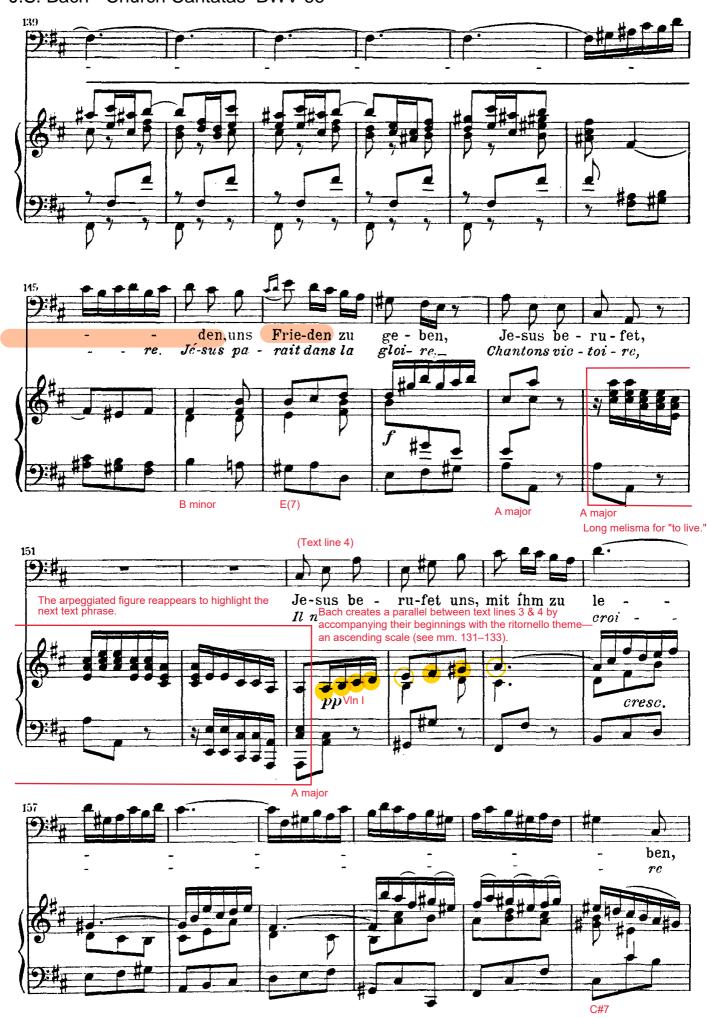


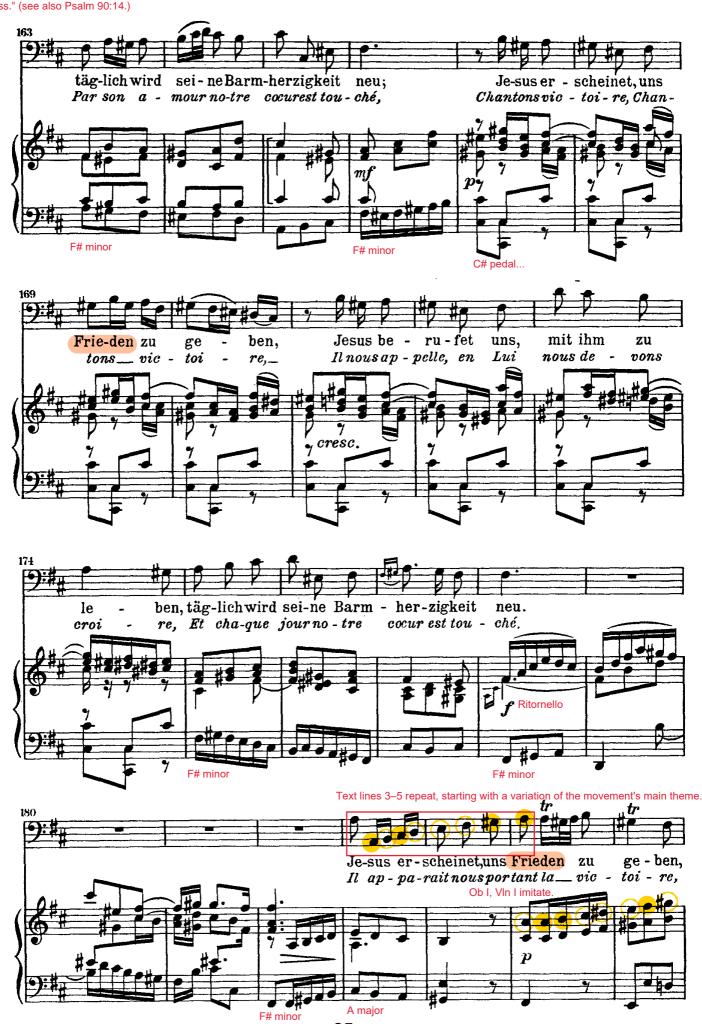
D major

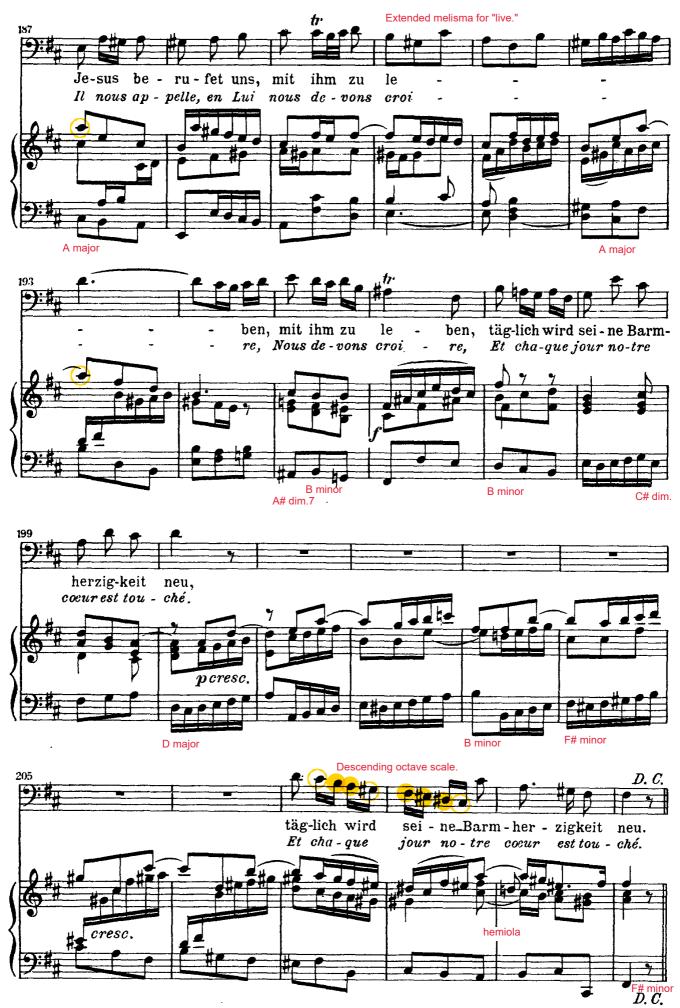




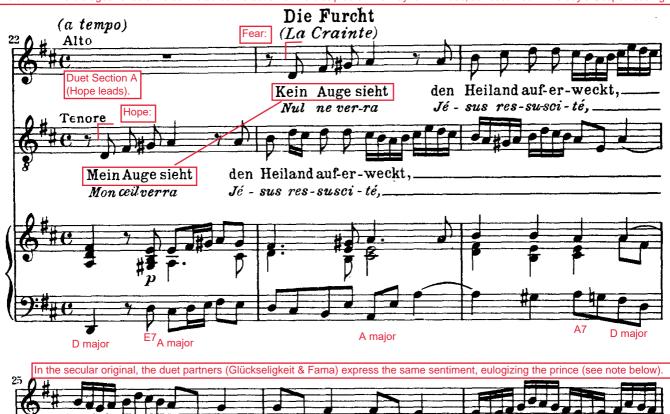










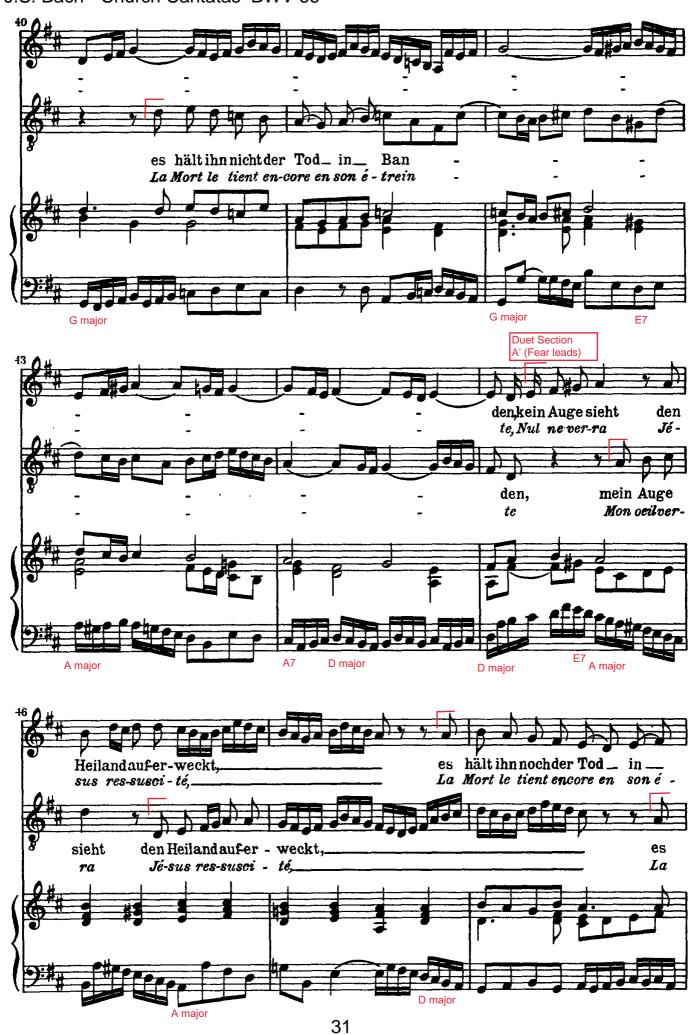




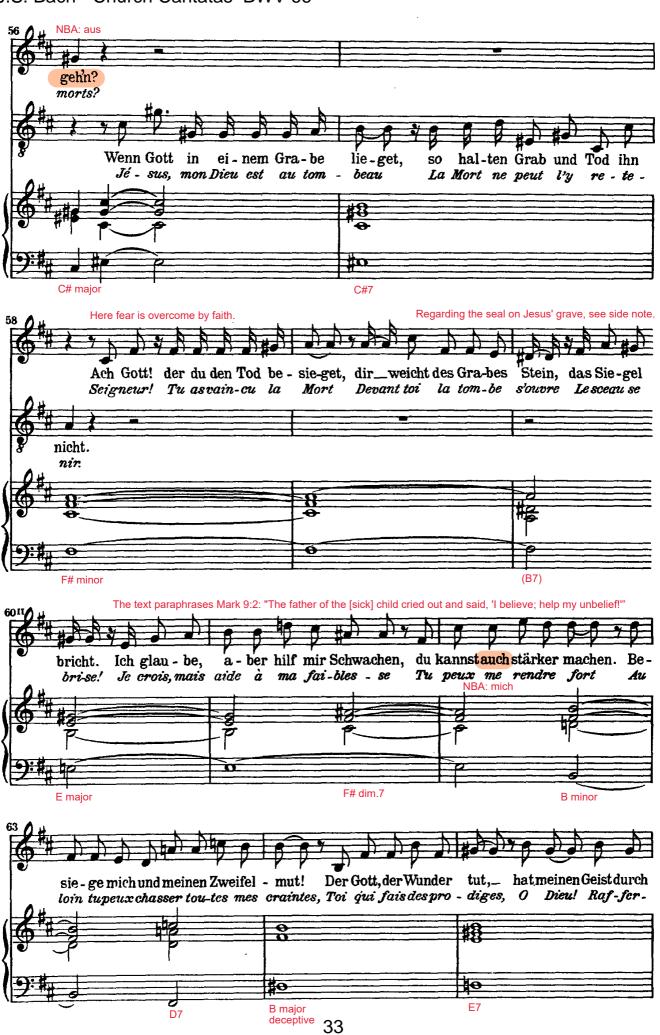
Martin Petzoldt argues that the reason diametrically opposed viewpoints can be expressed with the same thematic material, treated imitatively is because both deal with a type of "seeing": one is a physical seeing, the other is a spiritual "seeing" based in faith on passages such as Acts 2:24: God raised [Christ] up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it; Acts 13:34–35: As for the fact that [God] raised him from the dead...he says also in another psalm, "Thou wilt not let thy Holy One see corruption." (See Psalm 16:10, also Acts 2: 27, 13:37.) See Petzoldt, "Bach Kommentar" 1:722–723.











Fear is transformed into faith as it "perceives Jesus," a reference to the Gospel reading, in which the disciples recognize Jesus when he breaks bread with them (see Luke 24:29–31).





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A major

