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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 74th Annual Bach Festival at Baldwin-Wallace College. We are very pleased that you are joining us for this annual celebration of some of the most beautiful and inspiring music ever written.

The Friday evening concert at 8:00 p.m. features the J. S. Bach: Motet: *Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied*, BWV 225 and the *Magnificat in D Major*, BWV 243.

On Saturday we are pleased to present *Johannes-Passion*, BWV 245 at 3:00 p.m. Vocal soloists for the Festival include Tamara Matthews, *soprano*; Ellen Rabiner, *Contralto*; Alan Bennett, *Tenor*; Frederick Urrey, *Tenor*; and William Sharp, *Baritone*.

I also want to take this opportunity to extend special thanks to our patrons, subscribers and guests. Your continuing support keeps this exceptional musical tradition alive and growing. We are very grateful.

Finally, thanks go to everyone in our Baldwin-Wallace community whose excellent work leads to the continuing success of this Festival. I am thinking especially of our musicians and directors and the administrative staff of the Festival and Conservatory. They are wonderful and talented colleagues.

Again, thank you for coming. Enjoy this wonderful music! May it inspire you to join us in next year's 75th Bach Festival. It will be a very special event in many ways. You won't want to miss it. So plan now to attend.

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Listeners are not the only ones drawn repeatedly to the magnificent offering; *all* of this year's guest soloists are returning as well. By now, Tamara Matthews, Ellen Rabiner, Frederick Urrey, William Sharp, Kevin Deas, Alan Bennett, and Todd Wilson are fond friends, and we are pleased to add lecturer Adel Heinrich to the impressive list of Bach Festival participants. Congratulations and thanks go to John Brndiar, Dwight Oltman, and Stuart Raleigh and to students and other Conservatory faculty members for their devoted preparation of the Festival.

Hospitality to concert patrons is extended graciously by the Conservatory Women's Committee and B-W's Food Service, and Mary Tuck manages to keep things moving forward during the most hectic of times. Robert Ebert's cheerful band of faculty and staff ushers see to our concert needs, and of course, we are fortunate to have Mel Unger's notes guiding us informatively through the performances.

Our thanks go to you, as well, not only for your presence this weekend and support throughout the year, but also for your good wishes during our preparations for next year's grand event celebrating 75 years of Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festivals. Check www.bw.edu/bachfest for the enticing details.

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The **Ruth Pickering Memorial Fund** was established this year by her many friends among the faculty and staff of Baldwin-Wallace College and the groups in which she participated, such as the Fortnightly Musical Club, Chopin Musicale, Friends of the Berea Library, and Baldwin-Wallace Faculty Women's Club. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Jane Pickering of Berea, and two sisters.

A \$50,000 Bach Festival Fund was established by **Adriane and Robert Andrews in honor of Amelia & Elias Fadil** in support of retaining a world class soloist for the festival. As graduate of the conservatory of Music, Adriane ('56) sang in the Bach Festival chorus as a student.

The estate of **Lucille G. Beyer** recently made a \$10,000 bequest to honor Lucille's memory and that of her beloved late husband, **Walter T. Beyer**. Lucille was a 1968 graduate in the Continuing Education program at Baldwin-Wallace College.

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When Dr. Albert Riemenschneider and his wife, Selma, arranged for the first Baldwin-Wallace Festival in 1932, they initiated a musical tribute to J. S. Bach and a cherished tradition at Baldwin-Wallace College. They were continuing the Riemenschneider tradition of contributing to the life of the college which had begun well before 1898, the date young Albert, a junior music student at the time, was allowed by his father, German Wallace College President Carl Riemenschneider, to teach organ and piano lessons (as a replacement when a professor fell ill). After his college graduation, Albert became a full-time faculty member. As eventual Director, he was a guiding force in the creation of a Conservatory of Music at Baldwin-Wallace in 1913. A gifted organist, he studied with some of the finest organists of his time, such as Alexandre Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor in Europe and enjoyed a lifelong friendship with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. A devotee of the music of J. S. Bach, he instituted the Festival in his honor.

In 1936, Dr. Riemenschneider began the present policy of programming one of Bach's larger choral works at each festival. Therefore, students and Bach Festival patrons can hear the B-minor Mass, the St. Matthew Passion, the Christmas Oratorio and the St. John Passion over a four-year period (which is, not coincidentally, the period the average student spends at Baldwin-Wallace).

In 1950, the Bach Festival departed from tradition to present two Bach Festivals: one in May to observe the bicentennial anniversary of J. S. Bach's death, and another in November to mark the passing of "Prof Al," beloved founder of the Festival.

The tradition that Dr. Riemenschneider instituted has continued. Since 1975 all works performed on Bach Festival programs have been sung in the language of origin with English-translation libertti and annotation provided for the audience. Attention has also been paid to the size of performing forces that Bach requested for his own presentations.

The Riemenschneider Bach Institute library also owes its origin to the foresight of Dr. Riemenschneider, who began building a collection in 1936. That 2,500-item collection formed the basis for the Institute library, a resource center for Bach Festival conductors, performers, and annotators as well as a library and archive for scholars and performers interested in Bach studies. Today the collection has grown to approximately 32,750 items including 11,976 bound books and musical scores (1,329 are rare vault-held books, scores, and manuscripts—including 683 "Bach" items); 3,407 musical periodical issues from 72 different periodicals; 9,251 sound recordings; 284 microfilms and 9,953 microfiche; 433 CDs and video tapes, and 100 archival boxes. The Institute also serves as the publishing

arm of the Festival, generating its substantial annotated program, as well as the scholarly periodical, BACH, and facsimile scores, disseminated nationally and internationally to Institute members in over two dozen countries.

Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Albert Riemenschneider, the Conservatory of Music has exerted a major influence in the history of Baldwin-Wallace College: the Riemenschneider Bach Institute collection is known world-wide, the Bach Festival is a respected tradition, and the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory is synonymous with "excellence in music education."

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In October 1968, Baldwin-Wallace College began a project which culminated in September 1969 with the opening of the Riemenschneider Bach Institute. Located in Merner-Pfeiffer Hall at 49 Seminary Street in Berea, Ohio, the Bach Institute houses the well-known Riemenschneider Bach Library—a unique collection of Bach-oriented books, manuscripts, archival materials, and scores, including many rare items.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jackman S. Vodrey have endowed a fund for the purpose of ensuring the future maintenance of the organ. This fund has been established in the name of Mr. Jackman Vodrey's mother, Mrs. William H. (Evelyn) Vodrey III.

WILLIAM H. VODREY III

William H. Vodrey III, noted historian and civic leader, was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, September 23, 1903. He graduated from East Liverpool High School in 1921, attended Mercersburg Academy, and then entered Princeton University. At Princeton he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was graduated Maxima cum Laude in 1926. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1929.

Admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1929, he practiced law in East Liverpool for 50 years. He was named a "Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Association" shortly before his death on August 29, 1979.

His love and respect for the natural environment inspired and encouraged many others to share his goal of enlightening the public to the rich history of the East Liverpool area and its surrounding communities. He made notable contributions to the reforestation of thousands of acres around Fredericktown. He sponsored the preservation of many historic records and landmarks.

Long active in the various historical societies, both locally and on the state level, he served as President of the Ohio Historical Society 1965–67. The main floor of the Society's Museum of Ceramics in East Liverpool was named the "William H. Vodrey Gallery" in recognition of his work and financial support of the museum of the Ohio Historical Society.

He was a long-time supporter of the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival, almost from its inception in 1932, and deeply loved the music of Bach, above all other composers. This memorial from his children, Barbara Vodrey Wamelink of Gates Mills and Jackman Stroud Vodrey of East Liverpool, and their spouses, William K. Wamelink and Jane G. Vodrey, is to honor him and memorialize his love of all music and particularly that of Bach and the Conservatory.

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Soprano **Tamara Matthews** has risen to the forefront of the international music scene through her outstanding performances in opera and on concert stages around the world. Noted for her "purity of tone and agility" (*Fanfare Magazine*), she won first prize at the Musica Sacra Bach Vocal Competition and made her Carnegie Hall debut in 1994. She has worked with many esteemed conductors, including Leonard Slatkin, Joseph Flummerfelt, Luis Biava, Robert Page, Richard Westenburg, and Joshua Rifkin. She made her debut as soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra in Beethoven's *Mass in C* and *Choral Fantasy*. Upcoming and recent engagements include a Kennedy Center debut with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem in Bach's *B Minor Mass*, as soloist with the Washington Bach

Consort, and appearances with the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia and the Philharmonic Orchestra of Mexico. Matthews has over fifteen recordings to her credit. Her output in works by J. S. Bach can be heard on Koch International Classics, Dorian, and Pro Gloria Musicae. Other recordings include those on Angel EMI Classics, Lyrichord, and Musical Heritage Society, as well as a current project with the Boston Baroque on Telarc.



Ellen Rabiner has been hailed by the New York Times as a "mezzo of creamy tone and forceful lower register," by the Boston Globe as possessing a "rich contralto and both musical and dramatic sensitivity" and by New York Newsday as "a fine singing actress." Her recent Telarc recording of Bach's *Mass in B Minor* with Boston Baroque prompted Gramophone to write, "Ellen Rabiner's responsive contralto in the Qui sedes is a rare joy." Ms. Rabiner's most recent roles have been in *Moses und Aron*, *Die Frau ohne Schatten*, and *Die Walküre*, with the Metropolitan Opera; in *Elektra* with the Tokyo Opera Nomori; Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, with the National Chorale as well as a soloist in the same piece with the Brevard Symphony; and Ms. Rabiner has also appeared as a soloist in Stravinsky's *Les Noces* with the

Kalamazoo Symphony. She has also sung with the Washington Opera, Seattle Opera, Dallas Opera, Michigan Opera Theater, and the San Diego Opera.



Tenor **Frederick Urrey** returns this season for his eleventh Bach Festival appearance. He frequently performs works by J. S. Bach and other Baroque composers in distinguished venues in the United States and throughout the world. Urrey has also appeared as soloist with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, the Washington Bach Consort, the Carmel Bach Festival, the Marlboro Music Festival, Les Violons du Roy of Quebec, and the Bach Societies of Vienna, Vancouver, Orleans, Louisville, and Kalamazoo. Recent seasons include performances of Handel's *Messiah* in separate appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Handel and Haydn Society at Boston's Symphony Hall, and with Musica Sacra in Carnegie Hall. He has also appeared in the Mozart/Handel *Messiah* at the Kennedy Center under the direction of

Christopher Hogwood. Other performances include Handel's *L'Allegro* at Theatre Royal del Monnaie in Brussels; Rossini's *Stabat Mater* in Manila; Mozart's *Die Entfurbrung aus dem Serail* in Istanbul; Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* in Tokyo with the Japan Shinsei Symphony; Bach's *Magnificat* with the Bach Choir of London and with David Willcocks at Lincoln Center; and Bach's *Mass in B Minor* with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem at the Bethlehem Bach Festival and at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. Urrey's recordings include ones with Dorian, RCA/BMG, Harmonia Mundi, Telefunken-Decca, Newport Classic, Vox Classic, Koch International, and Albany labels.



Lyric tenor **Alan Bennett**, is noted for his performances of the oratorios of Bach, Handel, and Mozart. This season, Mr. Bennett returns to the B-W Bach Festival for his third appearance. He has performed throughout the US, Canada, Europe, and South America. He appears annually with the Carmel Bach Festival and has also sung at the Tanglewood Festival, Oregon Bach Festival, and Bethlehem Bach Festival, as well as with Handel & Haydn Society, Tafelmusik, and Les Violons du Roy. Prominent conductors with whom he has worked include Christopher Hogwood, Helmuth Rilling, and Robert Shaw. The 2005/6 season will bring return engagements with the Washington Bach Consort (*Mass in B minor*), Kansas City Symphony (Mozart *Mass in C minor*), The National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica

(Mendelssohn's *Elijah*), Boulder Bach Festival (*St. Matthew Passion*), Tafelmusik (Mozart *Coronation Mass*), the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival (*St. John Passion*) and the Carmel Bach Festival (*St. John Passion*). It will also bring debuts with the St. Thomas Church Choir in New York City and the National Philharmonic. Mr. Bennett is currently on the vocal faculty of Indiana University in Bloomington. Bennett has recorded for Harmonia Mundi USA, Nonesuch, Telarc and Focus Records.



Baritone William Sharp is a consummate artist possessing the rare combination of vocal beauty, sensitivity and charisma. Praised by the New York Times as a "sensitive and subtle singer" who is able to evoke "the special character of every song that he sings," Mr. Sharp has earned a reputation as a singer of great versatility and continues to garner critical acclaim for his work in concerts, recitals, operas and recordings. Mr. Sharp has appeared throughout the United States with major orchestras and music festivals. Mr. Sharp also enjoys his work in the performance of baroque and pre-baroque music. He has made numerous appearances with the Bach Aria Group, the Handel and Haydn Society, and the Mr. Maryland Handel Festival. Sharp's recent performances include appearances at the Chamber Music

Society of Lincoln Center, return engagements at Tafelmusik in which he sang concerts with Emma Kirkby, and the Bethlehem Bach Festival where he sang Bach's *Mass in B Minor* and Cantata No. 106. He also sang a special presentation with the Vocal Arts Society at the Smithsonian Institute.



Bass-Baritone **Kevin Deas** has gained international acclaim as one of America's leading basses. Mr. Deas' appearances in season 2005/06 include Copland's *Old American Songs* with Chicago Symphony, *Porgy and Bess* with Winnipeg and Pacific Symphonies, Handel's *Agrippina* with Boston Baroque, *Messiah* with Buffalo Philharmonic, National Philharmonic and Musica Sacra (Carnegie Hall), Cleveland Orchestra and Handel & Haydn Society. He has also performed with many other leading orchestra including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. He has recently recorded for several labels including *Die Meistersinger* with the Chicago Symphony under the baton of the late Sir Georg Solti and Varèse's *Ecuatorial* with the ASKO Ensemble under the baton of

Ricardo Chailly, both on Decca/London. Other releases include Bach's *Mass in B Minor Mass* and Handel's *Acis & Galatea* on Vox Classics and Dave Brubeck's *To Hope!* with the Cathedral Choral Society on the Telarc label.



Todd Wilson is Director of Music and Organist at The Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian) in Cleveland, Ohio, where he heads a program of choirs as well as a concert series. He is also Head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Organ Curator of the recently restored E. M. Skinner organ at Severance Hall, home of The Cleveland Orchestra. Mr. Wilson received his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, where he studied organ with Wayne Fisher. Further coaching in organ repertoire was with Russell Saunders at The Eastman School of Music. He has won numerous competitions, including the Grand Prix de Chartres (France) and the Ft. Wayne Competition. An active member of the

American Guild of Organists, Mr. Wilson holds the Fellow and Choirmaster certificates, and was a featured performer for the Centennial National Convention of the Guild in New York City in July 1996.

Todd Wilson has been heard in concert in many major cities throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, including concerts at Symphony Hall (Birmingham, UK), Los Angeles' Walt Disney Concert Hall, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, Cleveland's Severance Hall, Dallas' Meyerson Symphony Center, and Uihlein Hall in Milwaukee. In June of 2003 he dedicated the organ in the new 21,000-seat Mormon Conference Center in Salt Lake City, in October 2004 he performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra on the first orchestra subscription series concert featuring the new organ at Disney Hall in Los Angeles, and in January 2005 he performed his debut recital in Tokyo, Japan. He has appeared as a solo recitalist for Austrian Radio in Vienna, and in concert with the Slovakian Radio Symphony. Past orchestral appearances include performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, members of the Atlanta Symphony, the Naples (FL) Philharmonic, the Calgary Philharmonic, City of London Sinfonia, the Canton Symphony, the New Mexico Symphony, the Ft. Worth Symphony, and the Orchestra at Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

A sought-after adjudicator, Todd Wilson has been a jury member for numerous national and international playing competitions. An active interest in improvisation has led to his popular improvised accompaniments to classic silent films.

Lecturer **Adel Heinrich** is Professor of Music Emeritus from Colby College. She received her A.Mus.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has served on the National Screening Committee for the selection of Fulbright scholars in organ and harpsichord and she was selected as the "International Musician of the year 2003" by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England. Dr. Heinrich's publications include three articles published in *BACH*, including her conclusion to the Quadruple Fugue. Her book, *Bach's DIE KUNST DER FUGUE: A Living Compendium of Fugal Procedures*, is available from ProQuest.

ABOUT ASTON MAGNA

Now in its fourth decade, Aston Magna has forged an important and unique place in American cultural life.

Founded in 1972 by Lee Elman and Albert Fuller, the Aston Magna Festival (Daniel Stepner, Artistic Director) in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, is the oldest annual summer festival in America devoted to music performed on period instruments. Among the many highlights of Aston Magna's pioneering history have been the first performances of the complete Bach *Brandenburg Concertos* and the first Mozart symphonies heard in America on original instruments. *Music from Aston Magna* takes on tour throughout the world some of the highlights of the summer festival concerts. In addition to concerts across the length and breath of America, international concert performances have included appearances at the Valtice Festival in the Czech Republic and a European tour of Handel's oratorio, *The Triumph of Time and Truth,* on several series in Europe, including a performance at the Pamphili Palace in Rome, where the work was first heard under Handel's direction in 1707.

Aston Magna's performances aim to interpret the music of the past as the composer imagined it. This involves the use of original instruments or historically accurate reproductions, mastery of the performance techniques appropriate to the period, understanding of the different musical expressions and aesthetics of the various national styles and study of the cultural surroundings and aesthetic temperament of the age in which it was produced.

Such aims are also pursued in Aston Magna's educational and public programs, recordings and books. The Aston Magna Academies have brought together artists and scholars in all disciplines of the humanities for three weeks of intensive interdisciplinary exploration. A series of books based on the themes of the Academies is being published. The first of these, *Schubert's Vienna*, is currently available through Yale University Press. Forthcoming volumes on Bach and Handel are in process.

Aston Magna's growing discography includes performances of the Schubert Octet and Mozart Quintets on the Harmonia Mundi label, *The Musical Offering* and other works by J. S. Bach as well as Handel's *Triumph of Time and Truth*, Bach solo cantatas, and Mozart quintets on the Centaur label.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS OF ASTON MAGNA



Voted Boston's "Musician of the Year, 1998" by the Boston Globe, soprano **Sharon Baker** is internationally recognized for her purity of tone and engaging stage presence in opera, oratorio and recital. Her performances include engagements at the new Walt Disney Hall, in the Ravinia Festival and at Tanglewood. Past highlights include performances of the *Messiah* with Boston Baroque during Easter week in Krakow and Warsaw, Poland; national holiday appearances with The Boston Pops, Keith Lockhart conducting; and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with New York City Ballet. Recent engagements include *Messiah* with Portland Baroque, the Boston premier of Handel's *Gloria* with Boston Baroque, Mozart's *Exsultate, Jubilate* in the University of New Hampshire

Celebrity Series and Handel's *Amadigi* with Monadnock Music. Other highlights include the U.S. premier and recording of the newly discovered operas, *Der Stein der Weisen* and *Der Wohltatige Derwisch* with Boston Baroque, the modern-day premier of C. P. E. Bach's cantata *Dank-Hymne der Freundschaft* with the Handel and Haydn Society, performances of Handel's *Triumph of Time and Truth* on tour in Germany and Italy with Aston Magna and Handel's *Orlando* presented at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Ms. Baker has also appeared with the National Arts Center Orchestra of Ottawa, Boston Musica Viva, Dallas Bach Society, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra and Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center. She is a favorite soloist with many of Boston's outstanding period orchestras including the Handel and Haydn Society, the Boston Cecilia Society and Boston Baroque.

Loretta O'Sullivan is a versatile performer on both modern and historical cello. As a member of the Four Nations Ensemble since 1989, Ms. O'Sullivan has appeared on the Great Performers Series at Lincoln Center, at the Kennedy Center and the Metropolitan Museum and with such festivals as Mostly Mozart, the Festival of Arts and Ideas at Yale University and Tema Culturais in Brazil. As cellist with the Haydn Baryton Trio, she performed at Wigmore Hall in London and the Esterhazy Palace in Austria, and recorded for Dorian. With the Classical Quartet, she performed throughout the U.S. and Canada, and recorded for Titanic and Harmonia Mundi. She has played with the Aston Magna Festival and Academy since 1985, and played continuo cello for the festival's recording and tour of Handel's The Triumph of Time and Truth in Germany and Italy. Ms. O'Sullivan has played continuo cello for many orchestras, including the Bethlehem Bach Choir, New England Bach Festival, Opera Lafayette, Florida Grand Opera, New York Collegium, Apollo Ensemble, American Bach Soloists and Smithsonian Chamber Orchestra. She frequently plays with the Orchestra of St. Luke's. Her performances for cello solo in recent years include the Bach Suites, Heinrich Biber's Passacaglia and Benjamin Britten's Third Suite. In collaboration with Larry Lipkis, she gave a pre-concert lecture for Yo Yo Ma's performance of the Bach Suites in Bethlehem Pennsylvania, and has guest lectured at Brooklyn College.



Peter Sykes performs widely in the US and in Europe on the harpsichord, organ, clavichord, and fortepiano. He has recorded ten solo CD recordings of organ and harpsichord music, including his best-selling organ transcription of "The Planets" of Gustav Holst, and appears as a soloist and continuo player on recordings with Boston Baroque, Music from Aston Magna, and the Cambridge Bach Ensemble. He has just completed a two-year benefit recital series ("Tuesdays with Sebastian") in which he and Christa Rakich performed the complete works of Bach for organ and harpsichord in thirty-four concerts at five locations in the greater Boston area. In May 2005 he was honored by the New England Conservatory with its Outstanding Alumni Award. He is Associate Professor of

Music and Chair of the Historical Performance Department at Boston University, Director of Music at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, instructor of organ, harpsichord and chamber music at the Longy School of Music, and a member of the faculty of the New England Conservatory.

With a repertoire ranging from early seventeenth-century violin solos to the string quartets of Beethoven and Schubert, Nancy Wilson is known as one of the leading early music violinists in the U.S. A founding member of many of American's pioneering period instrument ensembles, including Concert Royal, the Bach Ensemble and the Classical Ouartet, she performs regularly with Aston Magna and has worked extensively with the Smithsonian Chamber Players. She has worked as concertmaster and soloist with leading conductors in early music, Jaap Schroeder, Christopher Hogwood and Nicholas McGegan among them, regularly leads period orchestra performances in New York City and the metropolitan area, and has a considerable discography to her credit. Her solo playing has been called "clear and sweet in tone, refined in articulation" by Gramophone, and "exceptionally stylish" by The Edinburgh Scotsman. A native of Detroit, Ms. Wilson holds degrees from Oberlin College and The Juilliard School. She has been invited as guest lecturer and clinician at workshops and music schools throughout the U.S. and Europe, currently teaches at The Mannes College of Music in Manhattan and Princeton University and has served on the faculty at the summer Academies of Aston Magna. Ms. Wilson can be heard in Philadelphia with Philomel, as director of Princeton University's Richardson Baroque Players and in collaboration with Westminster Choir College and Fuma Sacra in Princeton.

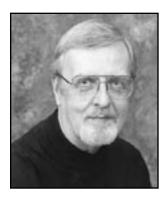
MUSIC DIRECTOR



DWIGHT OLTMAN, who celebrates his thirty-first season as Music Director of the Festival, has established a reputation as one of America's leading interpreters of the music of J. S. Bach. Career highlights include two concerts at Kennedy Center when the Festival was invited to appear in Washington, D.C. at the "Festival of Festivals." Another event receiving national acclaim was a telecast of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* seen on 116 PBS stations. In past seasons, Professor Oltman has collaborated with an impressive array of distinguished American, Canadian, and European singers. This list includes artists such as Arleen Auger, Phyllis Bryn-Julson, Lorna Haywood, Lois Marshall, Henriette Schellenberg, Ingeborg Danz, Jan DeGaetani, Catherine Robbin, Marietta Simpson,

Derek Lee Ragin, Kurt Equiluz, Jon Humphrey, Karl Markus, Seth McCoy, Kevin McMillan, Thomas Paul, Ruud van der Meer, and Richard Zeller. Adding further to the international dimensions of the Festival, Oltman has invited ensembles and instrumental artists, including Anner Bylsma, Frans Brueggen, Catherine Crozier, Peter Hurford, Sergiu Luca, Roberto Micconi, Paula Robison, Stanley Ritchie, Charles Treger, Elizabeth Wallfisch, Quink, the New York Baroque Dance Company, and the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra. Throughout his years at Baldwin-Wallace College, Professor Oltman has maintained a busy professional conducting schedule. During twenty-four seasons as Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Cleveland Ballet, he conducted for the company in major cities including New York, Chicago, Atlanta, San Jose, Detroit, and at the prestigious Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. Founding Music Director of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, he guided the development of the orchestra for twenty years. Currently Mr. Oltman is Music Director of Ballet San Jose of Silicon Valley and Music Director of the Cleveland Opera Orchestra. Guest conducting engagements have taken him to orchestras and festivals throughout the United States, in Canada, and in seven European countries. His honors have included a Northern Ohio Live award for the Bach Festival, an ASCAP award for the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, and a proclamation from Mayor Michael White for "Dwight Oltman Day in Cleveland."

CHORAL DIRECTOR



STUART RALEIGH is Professor of Music and Music Director of the Baldwin-Wallace College and Motet Choirs, both of which perform in the annual Bach Festivals. The conductor of various performances of operas and musicals produced by Baldwin-Wallace College and the Berea Summer Theatre, he has also served as a conductor for the Cleveland Opera, Lyric Opera Cleveland, and the Great Lakes Theatre Festival. A graduate of Syracuse University, Professor Raleigh was for a time Chorusmaster and Assistant Conductor of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and has also been a member (keyboard) of both the Cleveland Philharmonic and the Ohio Chamber Orchestras

FESTIVAL BRASS DIRECTOR



JOHN BRNDIAR, Director of the Festival Brass, is also principal trumpet of The Cleveland Chamber Symphony, a member of the Cleveland Opera Orchestra, and one of the members of the Paragon Brass Quintet. He has performed and recorded with The Cleveland Orchestra, Akron Symphony, Canton Symphony, Erie Philharmonic, and the Metropolitan Opera. An instructor of trumpet at the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, he holds the B.M.E. degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and a Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. This year marks his twelfth season with the Festival.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006

1:00–3:00 p.m. OPEN HOUSE: RIEMENSCHNEIDER BACH INSTITUTE

Exhibit: Bach Manuscripts and Prints from the R.B.I. Vault A Special Memorial Exhibit In Celebration of the 250th Anniversary Year of Mozart's Birth: *Mozart and Bach: The*

Leipzig Master's Influence on the Salzburg Genius

3:15–3:45 p.m. FESTIVAL BRASS CHOIR (Marting Hall Tower)

John Brndiar conducting

4:00 p.m. FIRST CONCERT

ASTON MAGNA EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE

MARCO UCCELLINI Two Sonatas for Violin and Continuo

1603-1680

J. S. BACH 1685–1750 Fantasy and Fugue in A Minor for Harpsichord, BWV 904

G. F. HANDEL 1685–1759 Sonata in D Major for Violin and Continuo, Op. 1 No. 13 (Adagio)

Allegro Larghetto Allegro

INTERMISSION

D. BUXTEHUDE Gen Himmel zu dem Vater Mein, Cantata, Bux WV 32

1637-1707

Sonata Allegro Lento Allegro

J. S. BACH Four Arias

"Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze," from Cantata 61, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

"Die Welt...Phoebus eilt," from Cantata 202, Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten

"Drum sucht auch Amor...Wen die Frühlingsüfte streichen," from Cantata 202

"Jesus soll mein erstes Wort," from Cantata 171, Gott, wie dein Name, so ist auch dein Ruhm

NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

BY MELVIN UNGER

Marco Uccellini (1603-1680): Two Sonatas for Violin and Continuo

Marco Uccellini worked at the Este court in Modena from about 1640 until 1665, when he became chapel master at the Farnese court at Parma. Although his operas and ballets do not survive, his surviving books of sonatas demonstrate an adventurous style that includes more extensive modulations than was typical of the time, a more extended violin range, wide leaps, slurs, tremolo passages, and a striking chromaticism that includes the use of false relations (two versions of a note in close proximity).

J. S. Bach (1685–1750): Fantasy and Fugue in A minor for Harpsichord, BWV 904

In his own day J. S. Bach was especially famous as a keyboard player, and it is therefore not surprising that his keyboard works were initially the ones most disseminated. Not surprisingly Bach's reputation as a performer attracted many students, especially after he moved to Leipzig in 1723. Of his various works for keyboard instruments other than organ (i.e., the works intended for harpsichord, clavichord, lute-harpsichord, or fortepiano), the *Fantasy and Fugue in A minor*, BWV 904, is one of those apparently composed in Leipzig (c. 1725).

G. F. Handel (1685–1759): Sonata in D Major for Violin and Continuo, op. 1, no. 13

(Adagio)

Allegro

Larghetto

Allegro

Anthony Hicks writes,

Handel's chamber music consists almost entirely of solo sonatas and trio sonatas, but defining the exact canon is difficult because of the odd circumstances of the earliest publications. . . . A set of twelve solo sonatas and a set of six trio sonatas (the latter designated "Deuxième Ouvrage" or op.2, implying that the solos were op.1) were published about 1730 with the false imprint of Jeanne Roger, but the issue was in fact the work of Walsh, who shortly afterwards published revised versions under his own imprint. The purpose of this deceit remains unexplained, though it may have been designed to force Handel into allowing the music to appear. [New Grove Dictionary of Music]

The sonata for violin and continuo in D follows the standard pattern of the church sonata (*sonata da chiesa*), in which four movements of contrasting tempo and mood alternate.

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707): "Gen Himmel zu dem Vater Mein," BuxWV 32.

Sonata

Allegro

Lento

Allegro

Like many of Buxtehude's arias, this work for soprano, violin, viola da gamba, and continuo is based on a strophic hymn text, here the ninth and tenth stanzas of Martin Luther's hymn "Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein." The text paraphrases verses from Jesus' discourse found in the fourteenth and sixteenth chapters of John's gospel, in which Jesus foretells his departure and promises to send the Holy Spirit. Buxtehude's setting of the chorale text is through composed, although the original hymn tune remains recognizable. Clearly demarcated sections in contrasting meters and tempos allow the text to be presented in a differentiated manner, with obvious text painting on certain words (e.g., the step-wise ascent on the repeated opening words, "gen Himmel"). Throughout the work the three instruments engage the voice in contrapuntal interplay. Of particular musical interest is the relationship of the viola da gamba to the continuo bass—essentially the gamba plays an ornamented version of the continuo's foundational line.

Gen Himmel zu dem Vater mein fahr ich aus diesem Leben da will ich sein der Meister dein, den Geist will ich dir geben der dich in Trübsal trösten soll und lehren mich erkennen wohl und in der Wahrheit leiten

Was ich getan hab und gelehrt, das sollst du tun und lehren, damit das Reich Gotts wird gemehrt zu lob und seinen Ehren und hüt dich vor der Menschen G'satz davon verdirbt der edle Schatz Das lass ich dir zuletzte, alleluia. To heaven, to my Father I depart this life.
Then I would be your master, and give to you the Spirit, who will comfort you in trouble and teach you to recognize me, and lead you into the truth.

Whatever I have done and taught—that you shall do and teach, so that the Kingdom of God may grow to His praise and honor.
And guard yourself from human law which destroys the noble treasure.
This I leave you at the end.
Alleluia.

J. S. Bach: Four Arias
"Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze"
from Cantata 61, Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland

Written for the first Sunday of Advent and first performed on December 12, 1714 in Weimar (after Bach's employer, the Duke of Weimar, had added to his duties as organist the responsibility of writing one cantata each month), Cantata 61 explores the liturgical theme of the day: Christ's promised coming. The penultimate movement of the cantata is a da capo aria for soprano and continuo (check score). In its theological context—the mystic union of Christ and the believer—the soprano represents the bride awaiting her bridegroom).

Aria (Soprano)

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze, Jesus kommt und ziehet ein. Bin ich gleich nur Staub und Erde, Will er mich doch nicht verschmähn, Seine Lust an mir zu sehn, Daß ich seine Wohnung werde, O wie selig werd' ich sein! Open wide to him, O heart of mine, Jesus comes and moves in. Though I am but dust and earth, Yet he would not disdain To find his pleasure in me, So that I become his dwelling, Oh, how blessed I shall be!

"Die Welt wird wirder neu . . . Phoebus eilt"
"Drum sucht auch Amor . . . Wenn die Frühlingslüfte streichen"
from Cantata 202, Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten

Bach's Cantata 202 is one of his approximately fifteen extant secular cantatas. Little is known about the work other than that it was composed for a wedding in springtime. Probably an early work (dating possibly from Bach's years in Weimar or Cöthen), it is scored for solo soprano, oboe, strings, and continuo. The entire ensemble plays only in the first and last movements. Bach's scoring and ordering of movements produces an arch form, with a central aria (No. 5, "Wenn die Frühlingslüfte streichen") providing the crux of the text's literary thrust: while the earth revels in the resplendent garb of spring, Amor, the goddess of love, seeks its finery in two hearts that have found each other. Bach emphasizes the importance of the central aria (and the symmetrical relationship existing among the nine movements of the piece) by treating the voice, solo violin, and bass in this aria as equal partners in a trio—a texture much favored in Italian instrumental sonatas.

Recitative

Die Welt wird wieder neu, auf Bergen und in Gründen will sich die Anmut doppelt schön verbinden, der Tag ist von der Kälte frei.

Aria

Phoebus eilt mit schnellen Pferden, durch die neugebor'ne Welt. Ja, weil sie ihm wohlgefällt, will er selbst ein Buhler werden.

Recitative

D'rum sucht auch Amor sein Vergnügen, wenn Purpur in den Wiesen lacht, wenn Florens Pracht sich herrlich macht, und wenn in seinem Reich, den schönen Blumen gleich, auch Herzen feurig siegen.

Aria

Wenn die Frühlingslüfte streichen, und durch bunte Felder wehn, pflegt auch Amor auszuschleichen, The world is renewed again on mountains and in valleys, comeliness coalesces doubly; the day is free of cold.

Phoebus hastens with speeding horses, through this newborn world; yes, because she pleases him well, he would himself become her suitor.

So Cupid, too, seeks his pleasure, when purple laughs in the meadows, when Flora's splendor shines forth, and when, in his realm, like beautiful flowers, hearts also triumph in their ardor.

When spring breezes caress, and waft through colorful fields, Cupid, too, is wont to steal out,

um nach seinem Schmuck zu sehn, welcher, glaubt man, dieser ist, daß ein Herz das andre küßt. to look for his finery, which is believed to be none other than one heart kissing the other.

"Jesus soll mein erstes Wort" from Cantata 171, Gott, wie dein Name, so ist auch dein Ruhm

Since the text of Cantata 171 was taken from a cycle of libretti for the church year that was published in 1728 by Picander (the pseudonym of Christian Friedrich Henrici) it is likely that Bach's cantata was performed on January 1 of the following year. The gospel reading for that Sunday was Luke 2:21, which provides the account of the circumcision and naming of Jesus. The poet therefore explores the significance of this name for the Christian believer at the start of a new year. For the fourth movement Bach reused music he had written earlier. Of this virtuosic aria for soprano and solo violin in 12/8 meter Alfred Dürr writes, "Its music is drawn from the secular cantata, *Zerreißet, zersprenget, zertrümmert die Gruft*, BWV 205, were the text, "Angenehmer Zephyrus" ("Pleasant Zephyr"), sang the praises of that gentle wind. Now the elaborate violin figures are summoned to the praise of Jesus' name, a bold transference which is nonetheless a convincing success."

Aria (Parody of BWV 205/9)
Jesus soll mein erstes Wort
In dem neuen Jahre heißen.
Fort und fort
Lacht sein Nam in meinem Munde,
Und in meiner letzten Stunde
Ist Jesus auch mein letztes Wort.

"Jesus" shall be the first word on my lips In the new year. On and on His name laughs in my mouth, And in my last hour My last word shall also be "Jesus."

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006

7:15–7:45 p.m. FESTIVAL BRASS CHOIR (Marting Hall Tower)

John Brndiar conducting

8:00 p.m. **SECOND CONCERT**

MEMBERS OF THE CLEVELAND OPERA ORCHESTRA

G. F. HANDEL 1685–1759

Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 4 in A Minor

Larghetto affettuoso

Allegro

Largo, e piano

Allegro

CONCERTINO SOLOISTS Lenora Leggatt, *Violin* Cara Tweed, *Violin* Kent Collier, *Violoncello*

Dwight Oltman conducting

J. S. BACH 1685–1750 Alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn, BWV 1127 First Regional Performance (recently discovered aria)

Tamara Matthews, Soprano

Lenora Leggatt, Violin Wei-Shu Wang Co., Violin Laura Kuennen-Poper, Viola Kent Collier, Violoncello Thelma Feith, Bass

J. S. BACH

Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied, BWV 225 Baldwin-Wallace Motet Choir Stuart Raleigh conducting

INTERMISSION

(contd.) SECOND CONCERT

MEMBERS OF THE CLEVELAND OPERA ORCHESTRA

J. S. BACH Magnificat in D Major, BWV 243

SOLOISTS

Tamara Matthews, Soprano Ellen Rabiner, Contralto Frederick Urrey, Tenor Kevin Deas, Bass

OBBLIGATISTS

Danna Sundet, *Oboe d'Amore* Sean Gabriel, *Flute* Virginia Steiger, *Flute*

CONTINUISTS

Kent Collier, *Violoncello* Thelma Feith, *Bass* Nicole Keller, *Organ*

Baldwin-Wallace College Choir Dwight Oltman *conducting*

NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

BY MELVIN UNGER

G. F. Handel (1685–1759): Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 4, in A Minor Larghetto affettuoso Allegro Largo e piano Allegro

Unlike Handel's other concertos, the set of twelve concertos published as Op. 6 were written in a one-month burst of creative energy—between September 29 and October 30, 1739. Apparently the impetus for these works came from a set of concertos by Arcangelo Corelli, which were similarly designated "Op. 6," and similarly contained twelve works calling for a solo group ("concertino") of two violins and cello reinforced occasionally by four-part strings and continuo. The fact that Handel later added three oboes to nos. 1, 2, 5, and 6, does not alter their basic construction, since the oboes mostly double the supporting string parts.

Concerto No. 4 (in A minor) begins with a slow movement (marked "Larghetto affettuoso"), in which the first violins play a long-breathed melody of great pathos, characterized by sequentially ascending sighing figures. The movement serves as a prelude to the imitative *Allegro* that follows. It is not until this second movement that we hear the soloists alternating with the united ensemble in the sort of musical exchange that defines concerto style. After a somewhat stark final cadence on a unison "A" comes a serene, song-like movement in F major, marked "Largo e piano." Again the concerto element is absent. Instead the instruments join together in a trio texture, in which a two-part imitative duet with gentle harmonic clashes in the upper strings is supported by a walking bass line. The concerto concludes with a dance-like movement (marked "Allegro") in triple time. Like that of the other quick movement, the rhythmic profile of the theme is memorable; in this case characterized by groups of sixteenth notes that provide a sense of accentuation in each measure.

J. S. Bach: Alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn, BWV 1127

In late May of 2005 Michael Maul, a researcher working in the archives of the Anna Amalia Library in Weimar, stumbled across a hitherto unknown Bach work for soprano, strings, and continuo (supporting bass and chordal accompaniment). It is written in Bach's own hand and dates from October 1713, having been composed for the fifty-second birthday of Duke Wilhelm Ernst of Saxe-Weimar, Bach's employer at the time. The work in question, now designated BWV 1127, appears on the last two pages of a twelve-stanza poem written by a clergyman, Johann Anton Mylius, in honor of the duke's birthday (literally, "at the commencement of his fifty-third year of life"). The importance of the discovery has been put into context by the Leipzig Bach Archive, which reported,

There has been no previous record of, or reference to, this composition. Moreover, in the seventy years since the 1935 discovery of the single-movement cantata fragment

"Bekennen will ich seinen Namen" (BWV 200) no unknown authentic vocal work by Bach has come to light.

Characterized by Christoph Wolff as "an occasional work in the form of an exquisite and highly refined strophic aria, Bach's only contribution to a musical genre popular in late seventeenth-century Germany," Bach's setting lays out only the first stanza of the poem. It is probable, however, that all twelve stanzas were performed at the birthday celebration (to recurring music), for within the overall span of the poem is hidden an acrostic that spells out the Duke's name. Specifically, the letters **WJLHELM ERNST** (which are typographically highlighted in the original) appear successively as the first letter of the third word in the second line of each stanza. The resulting repetitiveness, accentuated further by the fact that all twelve stanzas begin with the same words, was probably more palatable in its original setting, for the opening line constituted the Duke's personal motto: "Everything with God and nothing without him." We may conjecture that Duke Wilhelm was impressed with Bach's effort, for in 1714 he added to his responsibilities as organist the task of writing one cantata each month, bestowing on Bach the newly established title of *Konzertmeister*.

1. Alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn wird einher **W**undersegen ziehn. Denn Gott, der Wunder tut im Himmel und auf Erden, will denen Frommen, selbst, zum Wundersegen werden. Der Mensch bemühet sich, will Wunder viel verrichten, und voller Unruh ist sein Sinnen, Denken, Dichten. Soll einher Wundersegen ziehn, alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn.

10. Alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn wird einher **n**euen Segen ziehn. Weil seine Güt und Treu das Morgenlicht verneuet, und er die Seinen gern mit neuer Kraft erfreuet, ihn halt ich, laß ihn nicht, er wird auf's neue walten; was ohne Gott geschieht, muß alles bald veralten Soll neuen Segen einherziehn, alles mit Gott

1. Everything with God and nothing without him will bring wondrous blessings. For God, who does wonders in heaven and on earth, would like to become a wondrous blessing for the godly, himself.

Man strives hard, seeks to accomplish many wonders, and full of unrest is his planning, thinking, devising. If wondrous blessings are to appear then all must be done with God and nothing without him.

10. Everything with God and nothing without him will bring new blessings. For his goodness and faithfulness are renewed every morning, and he gladly blesses with new strength those who are his; I cling to him; I will not leave him; he will hold sway anew; whatever happens without God soon becomes old. If new blessings are to appear then all must be done with God and nothing

und nichts ohn' ihn.

12. Alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn wird einher **t**ausend Segen ziehn. Gott Vater, der du wohnst, wo tausend Chöre tönen, ach! laß, durch mein Gebet, in Christo dich versöhnen. Dein Geist, mein Herz und Sinn in allen dahin lenke: Nichts ohne dich, mein Gott, hilf, daß ich stets bedenke. Soll tausend Segen einherziehn, alles mit Gott und nichts ohn' ihn.

without him.

12. Everything with God and nothing without him will bring a thousand blessings.

O Father God, who lives where a thousand choirs resound, ah, by my prayer, let me be reconciled to you in Christ, May your Spirit lead my heart and mind in all matters to this:

Nothing without you—help me to remember it at all times. If a thousand blessings are to appear then all must be done with God and nothing without him.

J. S. Bach: Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied, BWV 225

The meaning of the term *motet* changed a great deal over the centuries. Common to the genre's entire history, however, is the close connection between words and music. This characteristic is suggested by the etymology of the term itself (from the French "le mot" = the word). A contemporary (and relative) of Bach, Johann Gottfried Walther, in his music dictionary of 1732 defined it thus:

a composition largely ornamented with fugues and *Imitationibus*, based on a Biblical text, and written to be sung without any instruments (apart from the thorough-bass); yet the vocal parts may actually be filled and supported by all manner of instruments.

From Walther's definition we understand that, in Bach's day, the motet was a sacred composition in contrapuntal style—an archaic style in which individual vocal lines interweave to form an imitative musical tapestry.

Bach's duties as music director of the churches in Leipzig did not include the composition of motets, which, although regularly performed in Leipzig church services, were usually taken from an established repertory. For special services such as burial services, however, newly-composed motets were needed. Only seven motets by Bach survive. Of these all but one have no independent instrumental parts—although instruments would normally have played *colla parte*, that is, doubling the vocal parts. Bach's motets were first published some fifty years after his death. Examples of these first editions may be seen in the Riemenschneider Bach Institute Library of Baldwin-Wallace College.

Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied is the most complex and technically demanding of Bach's extant motets. It was written around 1726 for an unknown occasion. With a text that combines verses from biblical psalms (Ps. 149:1-3, 150:2, 6), a hymn stanza (stanza 3 of Grammann's hymn "Nun lob, mein Seel"), and an anonymous poem, the work is exuberant and dancelike in mood. The overall form is symmetrical: a central ritornellochorale of 69 measures is framed by two substantial blocks of sprightly character: an opening prelude of 151 measures and a closing section of 147 measures. Most of the multisection work is written for two four-part choruses; only the last segment, a fugue on the words "Alles was Odem hat," is written for four voice parts. Bach apparently considered double chorus texture particularly appropriate for a biblical song of jubilant praise, for in his Calov Bible commentary, at Exodus 15:20–21 (the Song of Miriam: "Then Miriam the prophetess . . . took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. And Miriam sang to them, 'Sing to the Lord "), he made the following notation: "First prelude for two choirs to be sung to the glory of God." Indeed, it is quite possible that Bach was thinking of Miriam's canticle when he composed Singet dem Herrn.

As the work begins we are immediately launched into the midst of an energetic antiphonal dialogue. Karen Freist-Wissing writes,

[The motet] begins with the spinning out of the upper voices of the first chorus of a melisma on the word "singet" over a long sustained pedal point in the basses, while the second chorus first declaims the same word in simple exclamations, and then gradually takes over the melismatic line of the first chorus. It is difficult to imagine a more eloquent transformation of the imperative "singet" into pure song.

The fugue that occurs at the words, "Die Kinder Zion sei'n fröhlich" is particularly interesting. Initially a sprightly subject (followed directly by a spinning countersubject on the word "Reigen") is heard faintly—presented only by Choir 1 (with the voices entering in descending order: S-A-T-B), while Choir 2 provides accompanying material derived from the opening section ("singet"). Beginning with the bass entrance the voices present the theme in reverse order (T-S-A). This time we hear it more clearly, for each entry (including the initial bass entry) is now reinforced with its vocal counterpart from the second choir. Meanwhile the voices not occupied with the subject embellish the fugal exchange with declamatory "singet" calls or material derived from the subject or countersubject. The overall effect is one of effervescent jubilation that rolls over the listener in sound waves of ever-increasing focus and intensity until the final climax.

1. Chorus

Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied, die Gemeine der Heiligen sollen ihn loben. Israel freue sich des, der ihn gemacht hat. Die Kinder Zion sei'n fröhlich über ihrem Könige, sie sollen loben seinen Namen im Reihen; mit Pauken und Harfen sollen sie ihm spielen.

Sing to the Lord a new song, let the assembly of the holy ones praise Him. Let Israel rejoice in His maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with the dance; let them play to Him on timbrels and harps.

The contrasting, reflective middle section presents a simple four-part setting of a hymn stanza (paraphrasing Psalm 103:13–16) in one choir, which alternates with a contrapuntal setting of an anonymous poetic text (designated "aria" by Bach) in the other. The textual relationship between the two choirs is one of revelation and response; that is, while choir 1 presents the biblical promise, choir 2 responds with a prayer. Originally Bach apparently intended for a second stanza to be sung, with the choirs' roles reversed, but "the original performing parts, which Bach helped to prepare, do not reflect this instruction." [Daniel Melamed]

2. Chorale (Choir 1):

Wie sich ein Vater erbarmet über seine junge Kinderlein, so tut der Herr uns allen, so wir ihn kindlich fürchten rein. Er kennt das arm Gemächte, Gott weiß, wir sind nur Staub, gleichwie das Gras vom Rechen, ein Blum und fallend Laub! Der Wind nur drüber wehet, so ist es nicht mehr da, also der Mensch vergehet, sein End das ist ihm nah.

Paraphrase of Psalm 103:13-16

As a father takes pity on his young infants, so does the Lord to us all, who fear him with childlike purity. He knows our frailty, God knows we are but dust, like the grass after raking, the flower, and wilting leaf. The wind blows over it and it is gone. Thus man also passes away; his end is near.

2. Aria (Choir 2):

Gott, nimm dich ferner unser an, denn ohne dich ist nichts getan mit allen unsern Sachen, Drum sei du unser Schirm und Licht, und trügt uns unsre Hoffnung nicht, so wirst du's fernermachen.
Wohl dem, der sich nur steif und fest auf dich und deine Huld verläßt.

God, continue to receive us, for without you we can do nothing in any of our affairs.

Therefore be our shield and light, and if our hope does not mislead us, you shall continue to be so.

Blessed is he who simply firmly and resolutely puts his trust in you and your favor.

In the third movement the animated chordal texture of the opening returns, the choirs responding to each other in exuberant imitation. The rhythm is again dance-like, although this time not in triple meter, which is saved for the final section, a motoric four-voice fugue, in which the choirs combine for an even more energetic, brilliant close. It is noteworthy that the fugue theme resembles the "Pleni sunt coeli" subject in the Sanctus of Bach's *Mass in B Minor*. Given the similar sentiments of these two texts (Let everything that has breath praise the Lord . . . Heaven and earth are full of your glory), the similarity is perhaps not coincidental.

It is said that when Mozart visited Leipzig in 1789 (nearly forty years after Bach's death), he heard "Singet dem Herrn" sung by the St. Thomas Church Choir under Bach's former student, Cantor Johann Friedrich Doles. Mozart was immediately enthralled and asking to see the scores of Bach's motets, proceeded to make copies for himself.

Lobet den Herrn in seinen Taten, lobet ihn in seiner großen Herrlichkeit! (Psalm 150:2) Alles, was Odem hat, lobe den Herrn, hallelujah! (Psalm 150:6) Praise the Lord for his deed, praise Him in his great glory.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

J. S. Bach: Magnificat, BWV 243

Most of Bach's liturgical music employs German texts, a situation that obviously reflects the priorities of the German Lutheran liturgical context in which he worked. However, in Leipzig (where Bach worked for the last twenty-seven years of his life), Vespers services on important holy days customarily included elaborate Latin settings of the Magnificat (Mary's canticle as recorded in Luke 1:46-56, with doxology). Bach's Magnificat (surviving in two versions) was evidently originally written for his first Christmas in Leipzig (1723). This first version was in Eb—an unusual key for the customary festive orchestration, which employed trumpets and drums. This version also included four interpolated movements with texts appropriate for Christmas Day. When Bach revived the work in the early 1730s he moved it to the key of D, added flutes to the orchestration, made a few instrument substitutions, and removed the movements specific to Christmas. Without these interpolations it was now suitable for use at high Vespers services throughout the year.

Bach's work is concise and fast-paced, with each text unit set as an independent movement with distinctly individualized mood and scoring. In the work's second version, all but one of the choral movements are in the key of D major, the key traditionally used for festive works. The substantial orchestra is joined by a choir in five voice parts, each of which is assigned one aria. However, none of the arias employs da capo form (a popular, extended bipartite form in which the first section is repeated, usually with ornamentation), allowing the work to retain its characteristic momentum. The overall form of the work is symmetrical (or chiastic), with a complex of inner movements that fall into groups of three (the central movement of each group cast in a tender mood). Bach's choice of chiastic form (here as elsewhere) was probably influenced by the antithetical ideas reflected in Mary's canticle: the mighty are dethroned and the lowly are exalted.

- 1. Chorus (Magnificat: D major)
 - 2. S2 aria with strings (Et exultavit: D major)
 - 3. S1 aria with oboe d'amore (Quia Respexit: B minor = vi)
 - 4. Chorus (Omnes generationes: F# minor = iii)
 - 5. B solo with continuo (Quia fecit: A major = V)
 - 6. AT duet with flutes & strings (Et misericordia: ii = E minor)
 - 7. Chorus (Fecit potentiam: G-D = IV-I)
 - 8. T & violins (Deposuit: F# minor = iii)
 9. A & flutes (Esurientes: E major = II)
 - 10. SSA & oboes (Suscepit: B minor = vi)
- 11. Chorus (Sicut locutus: D major = I)
- 12. Chorus (Gloria Patri: D major = I)

The work begins with an exuberant movement characterized by a brilliant interplay between voices and instruments.

1. Chorus

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

After the exultation of the opening movement, Mary's newfound confidence is expressed in a dance-like movement sung in triple time by one of the sopranos, accompanied by the strings.

2. Aria (Soprano 2)

Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Whereas the earlier version of this work included the German hymn "Vom Himmel hoch" at his point, the later one moves immediately to another soprano solo movement, one whose plaintive character—reinforced by the minor key, the tone of the accompanying oboe d'amore (which now replaces the original oboe), and genuflecting melodic lines expresses the humble earthly station in which Mary found herself.

3. Aria (Soprano 1)

ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold, henceforth I shall be called blessed by . . .

The final words of Mary's statement are supplied by the chorus, which bursts in unexpectedly—with frenzied exuberance playing the role of "all generations."

4. Chorus

Omnes generationes.

All generations.

In sharp contrast the bass soloist depicts the Almighty, whose complete control and immutability are depicted with a sturdy recurring motive that begins with three hammerlike notes on the same pitch.

5. Aria (Bass)

sanctum nomen ejus.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et For he who is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is his name.

In the E b Christmas version of the Magnificat a chorus ("Freut euch und jubiliert") comes at this point. Bach's later (revised) version is more clearly symmetrical in shape, and the tender duet by Alto and Tenor, with its accompaniment of muted strings and two flutes, now clearly assumes the central position. Its striking pathos, its architectural position, and its greater length all suggest that Bach intended it to be understood as the heart of the work.

6. Duet (Alto & Tenor)

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies And his mercy is on them who fear him from timentibus eum.

generation to generation.

In the following movement the chorus again provides a vivid contrast with what has gone before. The movement's bristling contrapuntal texture depicts the text in a masterful way, with a dismissive figure for "dispersit" (which is tossed from voice to voice) and strident chords for "superbos mente cordis sui."

7. Chorus

superbos mente cordis sui.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud, even the arrogant of heart.

In the original Christmas version of Bach's work, a choral setting of "Gloria in excelsis" came at this point. In his later version Bach allows the energy of "Fecit" to lead directly into the robust tenor aria, in which the dethronement of the mighty is portrayed by an impressive interplay of aggressive lines between vocalist and violins.

8. Aria (Tenor)

Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit He hath deposed the mighty from their humiles. seats, and exalted the humble.

Once again the mood changes abruptly and completely. In the alto aria a certain playfulness comes to the fore. Accompanied by two flutes (which replace the recorders of the earlier version) and plucked bass, the alto sings about her happiness in terms that seem childlike and even vaguely coquettish.

9. Aria (Alto)

inanes.

Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit The hungry he hath filled with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

In the original version of Bach's work, a solo soprano setting of "Virga Jesse floruit" came at this point. In his later version Bach rescored the following trio, replacing the trumpet obligato with unison oboes, which sound an old chant melody for the Magnificat (the "tonus peregrinus"). The effect is serene and ethereal.

10. Trio (Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto)

Suscepit Israel puerum suum. recordatus misericordiae suae.

He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

For "Sicut locutus est" Bach employed the old-fashioned texture of strict choral counterpoint to suggest the immutability of the ancient promise "spoken to our fathers."

11. Chorus

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini ejus in saecula. As was spoken to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed for ever.

Bach's work ends with a grand setting of the doxology that traditionally concludes settings of the Magnificat and Christian settings of the Psalms. The grand opening is reminiscent of such celestial-sounding movements as the "Gratias" or "Sanctus" of the *B Minor Mass*. The mood then shifts suddenly at the words "sicut erat in principio" ("as it was in the beginning") where we hear a reprise of the Magnificat's opening—a traditional musical pun that was (as Simon Heighes points out) at least as old as Monteverdi (1610).

12. Chorus (Doxology)

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2006

10:30 a.m. THIRD CONCERT

J. S. Bach 1685–1750 RHETORIC AND BACH'S ART OF FUGUE (BWV 1080)

Lecture-Recital

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RHETORIC AND BACH'S *ART OF FUGUE* (BWV 1080) Lecture-Recital by Todd Wilson, Organ, and Adel Heinrich, Lecturer

The influence of the spoken word and poetry on music has existed from the fourteenth to the twelfth centuries B.C., beginning in China, then Japan, India, and numerous surrounding countries. Concepts such as "speech melody" and "music is word-born" prevailed.

In "High Civilization," music was ranked with law and logic, along with the liberal arts. Music became highly organized in Sumaria, India, Egypt, and Israel, but instrumental ensembles without singers in temples and palaces scarcely existed. All the music sung had to follow strict rules, governed by the rise and fall of the spoken syllables of the text, resulting in hundreds of specific modes associated with hours of the day, specific events, or topics.

Although Greece was influenced by Egypt, Assyria, Israel, and other eastern countries, it came to be eminent for its advances in science, mathematics, geometry, grammar and rhetoric, and philosophy. In music, scientists studied the natural evolution of sound and music, which they considered their noblest art, and soon surpassed any other period in music history. Their music historians began in the fourth century B.C.; philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, in the fifth to fourth centuries B.C.; and writer-orator Cicero in the second to first century B.C. As early as the sixth century B.C., choirs with up to 600 voices accompanied numerous religious and royal festivities, and even drama, in highly creative forms. The study of music, its theory and performance, was required of all students in Greece, ranking even above mathematics, since music was considered necessary and influential for a successful life.

Greece had a tremendous effect on many nations, as well as on Rome and the Catholic Church in Italy. Wordless forms of music began to emerge, depending upon the rules of grammar and each country's language. In Europe during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries forms such as the ricercar were used in special places in the Mass, imitating the vocal forms they were replacing.

In the literary field, for a composition in any form to be successful, the first sentence should embody the full idea of the entire work. Procedures for expanding this idea should follow specific rules of grammar, with appropriate relationships and transitions. It should continue with a goal, varying the main theme, if necessary. After planning the entire form, with exposition, intermediate sections, and a final conclusion (with properly used commas and periods for phrases) the writer should rhetorically expand on the basic procedures with his or her own creative insights. For a speaker, this would become an oration.

The above description of a successful rhetorical form of literature could be used metaphorically to describe a "wordless rhetoric" or even a musical oration. In the course of time musical composition became the art of "discoursing upon a subject" (the subject being of the musician's own choice), and since the thematic process began to equal a sequence of expanding ideas, the new musical composition could adhere to its new form.

(Bonds, p. 94) Thus the musician's approach to rhetoric began to change, depending entirely upon the musical subject.

During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries composers became so creative in musical oration that literary orators began to learn from composers. Even Haydn (referred to as an "orator"), Mozart, and Beethoven followed rhetorical procedures in some ways.

J. S. Bach is known to have been well-educated in grammar and rhetoric. He had several writers of rhetoric as friends. The pervading influence of rhetoric led him to look upon every small motive in a musical composition as a syllable or word. It is noteworthy that, at a time in the mid-eighteenth century when purely instrumental music was beginning to flourish in Europe, eclipsing the former emphasis on counterpoint, Bach chose to write not simply a series of fugues, but *The Art of Fugue*, rhetorically presenting the artistic flexibility of fugue form. Perhaps he viewed fugue form as the most advanced one for instrumental composition.

Since Bach did not specify an instrumentation for this monumental work, numerous editions exist for a variety of instruments. The Helmut Walcha edition for organ will be used for this lecture-recital.

In a doctoral dissertation entitled *Bach's DIE KUNST DER FUGE: A Living Compendium of Fugal Procedures* this writer determined the individual nature of each fugue on the basis of a motivic analysis of each fugue. It became clear that, by using one basic subject for the expansion of all fugues, Bach introduced new insights in composition. In collating each of the inner procedures in these fugues, no two fugues were given the same grammatical expansion. One might conclude that Bach devised a skeletal outline around which the fabric of each fugue was spun in various creative ways, in the highest rhetorical expression, or "musical oration," without deviating from basic theoretical rules.

Group 1: The Four Simple Fugues, Contrapuncti I–IV
Contrapunctus I
Order of Entry of Voices: A SPT

Order of Entry of Voices: ASBT

Bach wrote four simple fugues, each one starting with a different voice. "Simple Fugue 1I states the original subject and answer in normal order. The entire fugue meticulously presents the basic components of the fugue: the subject, answer, exposition, counter-subject, episodes, free material, and coda, all in the best musical context.

Group 2: The Three Stretto Fugues, Contrapuncti V–VII
Contrapunctus V
Order of Entry of Voices: ABST

The subject of this stretto fugue expands upon the original subject by adding passing notes and changes in rhythm. Various stretto combinations exist in expanded and contracted forms. Each of the six sections in the entire fugue varies the order of entering voices, the last two sections progressing from the highest to the lowest voice.

Group 3: The Four Double and Triple Fugues, *Contrapuncti VII-XI Contrapunctus IX*, double counterpoint at the twelfth (alla Duodecima) Order of Entry of Voices: ASBT

A new subject is first presented in its own exposition before the original subject is presented in expanded note values. All double counterpoint entrances to Subject1 with Subject 2 are combined after one beat, the original subject starting on the main beat.

Contrapunctus X, Double Counterpoint at the tenth (alla Decima) Order of Entry of Voices: ATBS

The entire fugue is planned as a stretto fugue, but in double counterpoint. No subject of answer is heard by itself. Subject 1 is new, and Subject 2 is the same as the expanded original subject in the stretto fugues. In the eleven episodes, occurring at the ends of expositions and main divisions, the voice that is ultimately omitted prepares for the entrance of the next subject or answer. In the sixth episode, a motive is imitated in each of the four voices in a cycle of descending fifths.

Contrapunctus XI, Triple Counterpoint Order of Entry of Voices: ASBT

Four separate divisions are required to present the three subjects since Subject 1 has its own division and exposition for both normal and inverted orders of the subject. Subject 3 is first presented in retrograde version of Subject 2 of *Contrapunctus VIII*, also in triple counterpoint. Subject 3 is presented with both Subjects 1 and 2. Subject 3 is introduced by referring to motives from this subject before it appears.

Increased tension, harmonic coloring, dynamic intensity are achieved by tighter stretto sections, chromaticism, dense usage of motives, and the number of subjects in stretto, as well as double and triple counterpoint.

Group 4: The Four Canons, *Contrapuncti XII–XV Contrapunctus XII* (Canon alia Ottava)

Each of the four canons has its own procedure and time signature, and may be said to draw upon some of the procedures of the fugue form. Three of the canons have a new, elaborated subject based on the original subject, including *Contrapunctus XII*. The fourth canon has a rhythmically altered variant of the Original Subject.

Group 5: The Two Mirror Fugues, Contrapuncti XVI–XVII

The Quadruple Fugue

Contrapunctus XVIII

Order of Entry of Voices: BTAS

Since Bach never finished this fugue, many completions exist. When the entire work was first published the chorale "Wenn wir in hochsten Noten sein" was expanded upon for the conclusion. Charles Sanford Terry discusses the association of this chorale with the quadruple fugue (as the final fugue in the work) in an article entitled "Bach's Swan Song" (Musical Quarterly 19 (no. 3, July 1933).

The first two subjects are based on the original subject in varied forms, and the third subject is based on B-A-C-H. It was Gustav Nottebohm (1817–1882) who discovered that the first three subjects could be combined with the original subject, thus permitting a completion in the form of a quadruple fugue.

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MAIN SUBJECTS FOR FUGUES PRESENTED IN TODAY'S LECTURE-RECITAL Encircled notes are those of the Original Subject, before expanded



Subjects for Lecture-Recital



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

2:15–2:45 p.m. FESTIVAL BRASS CHOIR (Marting Hall Tower)

John Brndiar Conducting

3:00 p.m. FOURTH CONCERT

J. S. Bach Johannes-Passion, BWV 245 1685–1750

Part I

INTERMISSION

Part II

Evangelist: Frederick Urrey, *Tenor* Jesus: William Sharp, *Baritone* Pilate, Peter: Kevin Deas, *Bass*

ARIA SOLOISTS
Tamara Matthews, Soprano
Ellen Rabiner, Contralto
Alan Bennett, Tenor
Kevin Dea, Bass

OBBLIGATISTS
Julian Ross, Violin
Wei-Shu Wang Co, Violin
Martha McGaughey, Viola da Gamba
George Pope, Flute
Katherine Barbato, Flute
Danna Sundet, Oboe, English Horn
Stacey Dilanni, Oboe

CONTINUISTS

Regina Mushabac, Violoncello Margaret McGaughey, Viola da Gamba Thelma Feith, Contrabass Nicole Keller, Organ

ENSEMBLES
Baldwin-Wallace College Choir
Festival Chamber Orchestra
Dwight Oltman *conducting*

NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

BY MELVIN UNGER

Bach's Passions mark the culmination of a centuries-long history of Passion music. As early as the medieval period, the Passion story was read (chanted) in a semi-dramatic fashion, using three different ranges of the voice for the roles of the story: the part of Jesus was sung in low range, that of the narrator (Evangelist) in mid-range, and that of the crowd (*turba*) in high range. By the mid-1200s the roles of the Passion were distributed among several individuals for more realistic effect. Still later, composers began incorporating polyphony in their compositions—usually for the words of the crowd but occasionally also for the utterances of other characters. Such settings were intended to help re-create for the listener a first-hand experience of the story.

In the early sixteenth century (after the Reformation of 1517) Passions in Protestant Germany were sometimes monophonic (i.e., they consisted of unaccompanied, single strands of melody), sometimes polyphonic (multiple simultaneous melodic lines), or, at times, a mixture of the two (the narrative parts sung as monophony, individual character parts as polyphony). Passions could also be in either Latin or German.

After 1650 the trend toward ever more emotive texts led to the appearance of the oratorio Passion in northern Germany. This type retained the biblical text for the main characters (Evangelist, Jesus, Pilate, crowd, etc.), and expanded it with poetic texts of a reflective nature, sinfonias, other biblical texts, newly created poetry, and chorales (hymns). As to their form, oratorio Passions more or less resembled operas—that is, the soloists presented recitatives (narratives sung in a manner that approximates speech) and arias (song-like movements in which melodic considerations are primary, the action stops, and the character reflects on what has transpired). Unlike operas, however, oratorio Passions were not staged. The earliest oratorio Passions appeared in Hamburg, which was an important operatic center in Germany.

By the 1700s there were four basic types of sung Passions: the simple old type (no instruments, some embellishment of the story with hymns), the oratorio Passion (biblical text with insertions as described above), the Passion oratorio (completely original text; i.e., no Bible text), and the lyrical Passion meditation (no direct dialogue).

Bach's obituary reported that he had written five Passions. In fact, there were probably only four since the *St. Luke Passion* is not authentic. Of the remaining ones, unfortunately only the *St. John* and the *St. Matthew* survive intact. The *St. Mark* was destroyed in World War II (although the text survives). A fourth one was perhaps a *St. Matthew Passion* from the end of Bach's stay in Weimar, written for a 1717 performance in Gotha. Recent research suggests that some of the music in the *St. John* and *St. Matthew* were taken from this work.

Both of Bach's extant Passions are oratorio Passions. This type was important to orthodox Lutherans because its libretto adhered closely to a single Gospel text. However, when Bach came to Leipzig the oratorio Passion was a relatively new phenomenon.

Leipzig was a conservative city and resisted overly theatrical music in church. In fact, when Bach's *St. John Passion* was premiered in 1724, oratorio Passions had been heard in Leipzig's principal churches in only three previous years. Martin Geck writes:

Leipzig audiences had little experience of large-scale oratorio Passions scored for elaborate forces. In 1717 one of Telemann's Passions had been performed in the Neukirche (something of a sideshow on the city's musical scene), and in 1721 and 1722 Bach's predecessor, Johann Kuhnau, had made a modest and somewhat halfhearted attempt to perform a concert Passion. In this respect, there was no comparison with Hamburg, where the Passion oratorio had become something of an institution in the city's musical life—not, of course, as part of the divine service but within the framework of concert performances. As early as 1705 Hamburg's concert-goers had been able to hear a setting of Christian Friedrich Hunold's oratorio Der blutige und sterbende Jesus by the director of the Hamburg opera, Reinhard Keiser, in a performance for which admission was charged and which took the form of a theatrical production "on a stage specially prepared for the occasion" at the city's almshouse. . . . In Leipzig the influence of traditional theology and religion was far greater, with the result that the sort of conditions that obtained in Hamburg were altogether unthinkable: it is no accident that, on taking up his appointment, Bach had to agree not to write in an excessively operatic vein. . . . Not that the new Thomaskantor harbored any such thoughts. Far from it. Even at this early stage . . . the great universalist was already striving to merge the old with the new, the sacred with the secular, the functional with the autonomous, general sublimity with individual beauty. His music can be read as a perfect reflection of an age that knows a yesterday, a today and a tomorrow.²

Bach's *St. John Passion* was first performed at the afternoon Vespers Service on Good Friday, April 7, 1724, the composer's first Easter in that city. It is possible that he had written the work in the months preceding the move, in anticipation of his new position. On the other hand, if he wrote it after assuming the position with its associated hectic schedule, he probably did so during Lent when cantatas were generally not required (an exception was the Feast of the Annunciation—March 25).

There is little question that Bach intended the *St. John Passion* to have great dramatic force. The narrative is taut: the action is fast-paced, and dramatic contrasts are starkly drawn (e.g., the depiction of a divine, serene Jesus over against a bloodthirsty, howling mob). Bach clearly expected the biblical narration itself to provide much of the work's emotional impact, for he gave to the Evangelist a particularly demanding and often highly expressive part (cf. the passage depicting Peter's tearful remorse).

Polyphonic music was forbidden in Leipzig during the final weeks of Advent and during Lent, although the first Sunday of Advent and the Feast of the Annunciation were exceptions to this rule. Imagine what it must have been like to hear a work such as the *St. John Passion* after a "tempus clausum" with nothing but simple hymns and chants!

Passions were traditionally performed on Good Friday in the afternoon (Vespers) service. The liturgy for that day was essentially a simplified version of Sunday Vespers. The first part of the Passion came before the sermon (replacing the cantata of a normal Sunday); the second part followed the sermon (replacing the usual *Magnificat*). The order of service was:³

Hymn ("Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund")

Passion, Part I

Sermon

Passion, Part II

Motet: "Ecce quomodo moritur" by Jacob Handl (1550-91)

Collect

Benediction

Hymn: "Nun danket alle Gott"

Since only two of Bach's Passions survive, it is illuminating to compare them. In general the *St. John* is more realistic, faster paced, and more anguished than the reflective and resigned *St. Matthew*. It is shorter and less episodic, with fewer reflective interpolations. It also has simpler orchestration than the *St. Matthew*, which calls for double choir and orchestra.

While Bach rendered St. Matthew's Gospel on a grand scale . . . his treatment of St. John's narrative, with its focus on the lengthy argument between Pilate and the [religious leaders] over Jesus' fate, is more intensely dramatic. At the same time, its simplicity and smaller scale make it a very intimate, personal work.⁴

In the monumental and expansive *St. Matthew*, a series of short scenes are interrupted by frequent lyrical meditations provided by soloists or vocal ensemble, giving the entire work a contemplative tone. The *St. John* keeps its focus on the story itself—the rapidly unfolding events of a great travesty of justice, which must nevertheless be understood as the predestined plan of a sovereign God. That the overall shape and tone of the *St. John* were determined in part by the nature of the Johannine account itself has been noted by Andreas Glöckner, who writes:

Bach's decision to set to music the unabridged Passion story according to St. John had serious consequences for the conception of the work as a whole, since in only a few places . . . did it allow the insertion of reflective arias and ariosos, and even after revising the work several times Bach arrived at no completely satisfactory solution to the problem of just where to position these sections of contemplative commentary. . . . Two musically especially rewarding sections, where Peter weeps and where the veil of the temple is torn apart, are borrowed from the St. Matthew Gospel. . . . Bach lends them weight by means of motivic development in metrically anchored recitative, and inserts lengthy contemplative sections into them. ⁵

It has been said that the *St. John Passion* lacks textual unity. The reason for this is that "the text is something of a mongrel." It may well have been compiled by the composer himself, "choosing texts from existing Passion poems and altering them, if necessary, to fit his concept." While most of the biblical text is from the Gospel of John, there are also some passages from the Gospel of Matthew: Peter's remorse and the earthquake scene. The nonbiblical material comes from several sources: mostly from a famous devotional Passion poem by B. H. Brockes, *Der für die Sünde der Welt gemarterte und sterbende*

Jesus (1712) (which had been set by other composers, including Handel and Telemann) and the *St. John Passion* libretto by C. H. Postel (c. 1700).

Bach revised the work several times. Unlike the *St. Matthew*, the *St. John Passion* existed in several versions—at least four. In version II (1725—the year Bach composed many chorale cantatas) he replaced or augmented several movements. The opening chorus, "Herr, unser Herrscher," was displaced by a chorale fantasia, "O Mensch bewein' dein Sünde groß," and the closing chorale, "Ach Herr, laß dein lieb Engelein," by a lengthy chorale setting of "Christe, du Lamm Gottes" from Cantata 23. In Version III (c. 1732), he removed the substitute numbers (for example, now that "O Mensch bewein' dein Sünde groß" had been incorporated in the *St. Matthew*, he removed it from the *St. John* and replaced it with the original opening movement, "Herr, unser Herrscher"), removed the interpolations from the Gospel of Matthew, and made some other changes. In the fourth and final version (1749) Bach restored the deleted movements, largely reestablishing the original sequence (which now again included the interpolations from the Gospel of Matthew), and enriched the orchestration.⁸

The final result is a work of great dramatic force. Much of this is due to the intensity of the Evangelist's part, which is extremely demanding. While the *St. Matthew Passion* presents Christ as the divine sufferer (thus, for example, Bach always accompanies the sung words of Jesus with strings, a kind of "halo" effect), the *St. John* presents Christ's suffering in all its human agony. This may have been the reason for Bach's decision *not* to orchestrate the words of Jesus, even in the later versions, despite his familiarity with this practice (earlier in his career he had arranged Reinhard Keiser's Passion, which accompanies Jesus' words with strings) and his later adoption of the practice in the *St. Matthew Passion*. In one sense this emphasis on Jesus' humanity is surprising, for the Gospel of John stresses Christ's divinity more emphatically than the other three Gospels. Nevertheless, because John's Gospel also provides more detail concerning the trial before Pilate, the story becomes more gripping in human terms. Thus Bach's *St. John Passion* became more impassioned than the later *St. Matthew*.

A special feature of Bach's two Passions is the frequent appearance of chorales. Both Passions incorporate more chorales than was usual at the time: thirteen in the *St. Matthew*, eleven in the *St. John*. Although these hymns were probably sung without congregational participation they nevertheless represent the corporate response of the faithful, and their frequency suggests a desire on Bach's part to elicit a response from his listeners throughout the unfolding of the story.

In the *St. John Passion* the chorales sometimes incorporate dramatic action. Thus, for example, in the chorale "Petrus, der nicht denkt zurrück" (No. 14 [20]) the choir comments on Peter's denial of Christ. While these hymn tunes would have been familiar to Bach's audience, his harmonizations were new and often exceptionally rich, highlighting the significance of particular words or phrases. Marion Metcalf writes:

Because the words and tunes were familiar to seventeenth-century Lutherans (many had been used since Luther's time), the chorales provided the work's most direct linkage between the story and the religious responses of the devout listener. Bach's settings of the chorales masterfully reinforce their meaning.⁹

Sometimes Bach uses a chorale as the basis for an elaborate musical setting. Part I of the *St. John Passion*, for example, opens and closes with chorale-based movements. In such movements the hymn provides an additional layer of musical and textual meaning.

A significant formal characteristic of the *St. John Passion* is its symmetry, which is especially evident in the group of movements that culminate with Jesus' crucifixion. Audrey Wong and Norm Proctor write:

The work is flanked by two massive choruses, the opening "Herr, unser Herrscher," a complex and compelling invocation, and the ending "Ruht wohl," a sweet and lingering grave side parting. Within this framework Bach transcends mere sequence of individual numbers by arranging musically similar choruses symmetrically around a central chorale. Nine choral movements, the last four mirroring the first four, revolve around the pivot point in the drama, the height of the psycho-emotional conflict, when Pilate searches for a way to release Christ while the high priests scream for Christ to die.

Here and throughout the work, Bach pairs off choral movements that share similar texts or sentiments. The music with which the soldiers mockingly hail the King of the Jews reappears when the priests demand that Pilate "write not that he is King of the Jews." A more ironic pairing is Bach's choice of the same chorale tune to contemplate first Peter's thoughtlessly denying his master and then Jesus's thoughtfully providing for his mother. ¹⁰

More details about this aspect of the work appear below, in the introduction to Part II of the work.

One of the criticisms leveled against the *St. John Passion* in recent years is its apparent anti-Jewish sentiments. The symmetry produced by the "terrifying repetitions" of "Crucify, crucify!" and the text's repeated negative references to the "Jews," could lead one to that conclusion. But as Michael Marissen points out in his book, *Lutheranism*, *Anti-Judaism*, *and Bach's St. John Passion*¹¹ Bach made numerous compositional choices that suggest Bach intended no such interpretation. More fundamentally, the libretto, generally reflecting Lutheran theology of Bach's day, lays the blame for Jesus' death on all of humanity, and presents the cross as divine victory.

Part I

(Note: For the convenience of readers using music scores employing the older numbering system rather than the one used in the new collected edition, movement numbers are given according to both schemes whenever they differ.)¹²

Part I of the St. John Passion encompasses Jesus' betrayal, his appearance before the high priest, Caiaphas, and Peter's remorse after his denial of Christ. The opening chorus is a magnificent da capo movement in G minor, whose text begins with an allusion to Psalm 8: "O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Despite the positive sentiment of the opening words, the mood is ominous. A static bass line pulses relentlessly while the violins play buzzing circular figures of sixteenth notes and the woodwinds play harmonic suspensions in longer note values. After a buildup of eighteen measures the choir enters with a threefold cry of "Herr" ("Lord"), reminiscent of the "Sanctus" calls of the seraphim in Isaiah 6:3, then take up the circular sixteenth-note figure with the strings. An imitative section for the voices follows at measure 33. Here the instrumental roles are reversed: the bass instruments now play the circular figure, while the strings interject jabbing eighth notes. Then follow the words that are key to understanding a central theme of this Passion setting: "Show us through your Passion that you, the true Son of God, at all times, even in the greatest abasement, have been glorified." The idea that Christ's crucifixion was also his glorification is a central concept in this work. Historically, it relates to Luther's theology of the cross. Many of Bach's compositions reflect it. The idea also explains an apparent contradiction: while John's Gospel (more than any of the other Gospels) emphasizes Jesus' divinity, its portrayal of the trial and death of Jesus (and thus also Bach's St. John Passion) is vividly human.

The entire B section of the opening chorus is a marvel of harmonic tension, which finally finds resolution in D major. Thereupon the opening section in G minor returns.

1. Chorus

Herr, unser Herrscher, dessen Ruhm in allen Landen herrlich ist! Zeig uns durch deine Passion, daß du, der wahre Gottessohn, zu aller Zeit, auch in der größten Niedrigkeit, verherrlicht worden bist. Lord, our sovereign, whose renown is glorious in all lands! Show us by your Passion that you, the true Son of God, were glorified at all times, even in the greatest abasement.

As the narrator begins his account the listener is immediately submersed in human conflict: the inflamed rabble, led by the treacherous Judas, comes to arrest Jesus, who responds with surprising composure.

2a. (2.) Recitative (Evangelist and Jesus)

Jesus ging mit seinen Jüngern über den Bach Kidron, da war ein Garte, darein ging Jesus und seine Jünger. Judas, aber, der ihn verriet, wußte den Ort auch, denn Jesus versammelte sich oft daselbst mit seinen Jüngern. Da nun Judas zu

Jesus went with his disciples over the brook Kidron: a garden was there, which Jesus entered and his disciples. But Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place also, for Jesus and his disciples often gathered there. When Judas had assembled

sich hatte genommen die Schar und der Hohenpriester und Pharisäer Diener, kommt er dahin mit Fakkeln, Lampen und mit Waffen. Als nun Jesus wußte alles, was ihm begegnen sollte, ging er hinaus und sprach zu ihnen: Wen suchet ihr? Sie antworten ihm:

around him the cohort and the servants of the high priests and Pharisees, he came there with torches, lanterns, and with weapons. Then when Jesus knew all things that were to come upon him, he went out and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him:

The crowd, apparently not recognizing Jesus, answers with a threefold repetition of Jesus' name, mirroring the "Lord, Lord, Lord" of the opening chorus. With the Oboe I acting as stimulus, the crowd retorts with menacingly abrupt jabs. The melodic movement drives toward the word "Nazareth," as if to emphasize the stigma of coming from such a lowly town, perhaps alluding to the proverb "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46) The movement is short and fast-paced, and the action continues without pause.

2b. (3.) Chorus

Jesum von Nazareth.

Jesus of Nazareth.

2c. (4.) Recitative (Evangelist and Jesus)

Jesus spricht zu ihnen: Ich bins. Judas aber. der ihn verriet, stund auch bei ihnen. Als nun Jesus zu ihnen sprach: Ich bins, wichen sie zurükke und fielen zu Boden. Da fragete er sie abermal: Wen suchet ihr? Sie aber sprachen:

Jesus said to them, "I am the one." But Judas, who betraved him, also stood there among them. Now when Jesus said to them, "I am the one!" they shrank backward and fell to the ground. Then he asked them a second time, "Whom do you seek?" They answered:

When Jesus repeats his question, the mob answers as before, whereupon Jesus argues for the release of the other hostages.

2d. (5.) Chorus

Jesum von Nazareth.

Jesus of Nazareth

2e. (6.) Recitative (Evangelist and Jesus)

sei, suchet ihr denn mich, so lasset diese gehen! you are seeking me, then let these go!"

Jesus antwortete: Ich habs euch gesagt, daß ichs Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am he; if

Jesus' concern for others over himself is observed wonderingly by the chorus and internalized. The hymn interpolated here is, in a sense, an interruption of the narrator's thought. While the mood is serious—even lamenting—the chorale ends with the brightness of a major chord, suggesting that the ultimate effect of these events will be positive.

3. (7.) Chorale O große Lieb, O Lieb ohn alle Maße, die dich gebracht auf these Marterstraße! Ich lebte mit der Welt in Lust und Freuden. und du mußt leiden.

O great love, O love without measure. which brought you upon this martyr's road! I lived with the world in pleasure and jov. and you must suffer.

While Jesus concerns himself with the safety of his disciples, Peter tries to defend him. But Jesus rejects his help, heals the injured enemy, and declares that these events have been allowed by God the Father.

4. (8.) Recitative (Evangelist and Jesus)

Auf daß das Wort erfüllet würde, welches er sagte: Ich habe der keine verloren, die du mir gegeben hast. Da hatte Simon Petrus ein Schwert und zog es aus und schlug nach des Hohenpriesters Knecht und hieb ihm sein recht Ohr ab; und der Knecht hieß Malchus. Da sprach Jesus zu Petro: Stekke dein Schwert in die Scheide! Soll ich den Kelch nicht trinken, den mir mein Vater gegeben hat?

So that the word might be fulfilled which he had spoken, "I have not lost one of those whom you have given me." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear; and the servant was named Malchus. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword in its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that my Father has given me?"

In contrast to the impulsive actions of Peter, the chorus commits itself to yielding to the unfathomable will of God. In the original Bach source, only the first phrase of the text is given, suggesting that the hymn was familiar enough to be rendered by memory.

5. (9.) Chorale Dein Will gescheh, Herr Gott, zugleich auf Erden wie im Himmelreich. Gib uns Geduld in Leidenszeit. gehorsam sein in Lieb und Leid; wehr und steur allem Fleisch und Blut, Das wider deinen Willen tut!

Your will be done, Lord God, on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us patience in time of suffering, obedience in weal and woe; restrain and steer all flesh and blood that works against your will!

After Jesus is bound and brought before the religious officials, the high priest ironically utters a theologically profound statement: it would be better that one man perished than a whole nation

6. (10.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Die Schar aber und der Oberhauptmann und die Diener der Jüden nahmen Jesum und bunden ihn und führeten ihn aufs erste zu Hannas, der war Kaiphas Schwäher, welcher des Jahres Hoherpriester war. Es war aber Kaiphas, der den Juden für das Volk.

But the cohort and the captain, and the servants of the Jews took Jesus and bound him, and led him away at first to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now it was this same Caiaphas who counseled that it riet, es wäre gut, daß ein Mensch würde umbracht would be well that one man perish for the people.

With an accompaniment of imitatively intertwining oboes and an instrumental bass that doubles back on itself (both of which probably suggest the binding of Jesus' hands), the alto presents the first aria of the Passion—a da capo aria of great pathos in which the paradoxically beneficial effects of the transpiring events are considered.

7. (11.) Alto Aria

Von den Strikken meiner Sünden mich zu entbinden, wird mein Heil gebunden. Mich von allen Lasterbeulen

From the bands of my sins, to unbind me, is my Salvation bound. From all my iniquitous boils völlig zu heilen, läßt er sich verwunden. fully to heal me. he lets himself be wounded.

8. (12.) Recitative (Evangelist)

ander Jünger.

Simon Petrus aber folgete Jesu nach und ein But Simon Peter followed Jesus, and another disciple.

After we are told that Peter is still following his master, we are treated to a dance-like aria in which the soprano addresses Jesus directly, affirming a commitment to follow him with joy. Set in triple meter (whose effect is heightened by a bass often playing off-beats only) with an accompaniment of flutes, the aria provides welcome relief from the tension of the preceding movements. Because the lines imitate each other, "Ich folge dir gleichfalls' can be interpreted as a lively, if strictly imitative, passepied [a baroque dance] but also as a literal illustration of the idea of *imitatio Christi*."13

9. (13.) Soprano Aria

Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen Schritten, und lasse dich nicht, mein Leben, mein Licht. Befördre den Lauf und höre nicht auf selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu schieben, zu bitten.

I follow you likewise with joyful footsteps, and will not leave you, my life, my light. Assist my course, and do not cease to draw me. to spur me, to call me.

A long dramatic narration, in which Jesus, Peter, a maid, and a servant sing their respective roles, describes the first interrogation by the religious officials. Peter's cowardly denial of knowing Jesus is contrasted with Jesus' majestic words, "I have taught openly before the world . . . and have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard me!" A shivering Peter, meanwhile, still wanting to stay near his master, warms himself at the fire in the courtyard with the others. An interesting example of Bach's rhetorical mastery occurs at the text "The officers and the servants had made a fire of coals, for it was cold, and were standing and warming themselves," where the narrator's voice first rises abruptly for "cold" and then shivers on the word "warming."

10. (14.) Recitative (Evangelist, Maid, Peter, Jesus, and Servant)

Derselbige Jünger war dem Hohenpriester bekannt und ging mit Jesu hinein in des Hohenpriesters Palast. Petrus aber stund draußen vor der Tür. Da ging der andere Jünger, der dem Hohenpriester bekannt war, hinaus, und redete mit der Türhüterin und führete Petrum hinein. Da sprach die Magd, die Türhüterin, zu Petro: Bist du nicht dieses Menschen Jünger einer? Er sprach: Ich bins nicht. Es stunden aber die Knechte und Diener und hatten ein Kohlfeu'r gemacht (denn es war kalt), und wärmeten sich. Petrus aber stund bei ihnen und wärmete sich.

Aber der Hohenpriester fragte Jesum um seine Jünger und um seine Lehre. Jesus antwortete ihm: Ich habe frei, öffentlich geredet vor der Welt. Ich habe allezeit gelehret in der Schule und in That disciple was known to the high priest, and he went with Jesus into the high priest's palace. But Peter stood outside at the door. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the girl that watched the door, and brought Peter inside. Then the maid watching the door said to Peter, "Are you not one of this person's disciples?" He said, "I am not." But the officers and the servants had made a fire of coals, for it was cold, and were standing and warming themselves. Peter also stood among them and warmed himself.

But the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly before the world. I have taught constantly in the school and in the temple, dem Tempel, da alle Juden zusammenkommen, und habe nichts im Verborgnen geredt. Was fragest du mich darum? Frage die darum, die gehöret haben, was ich zu ihnen geredet habe! Siehe, dieselbigen wissen, was ich gesaget habe. Als er aber solches redete, gab der Diener einer, die dabeistunden, Jesu einen Bakkenstreich und sprach: Solltest du dem Hohenpriester also antworten? Jesus aber antwortete: Hab ich übel geredt, so beweise es, daß es böse sei; hab ich aber recht geredt, was schlägest du mich?

where all the Jews come together, and have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard me about what I said to them. Look, they know what I said!" But when he said these things one of the servants who stood nearby struck him in the face and said, "Should you answer the high priest this way?" But Jesus said, "If I have spoken wickedly, prove it; but if I have spoken correctly, why do you strike me?"

The chorus immediately internalizes the action, concluding that the blame lies ultimately not with these religious leaders but with the sins of all humanity.

11. (15.) Chorale Wer hat dich so geschlagen, mein Heil, und dich mit Plagen so übel zugericht'? Du bist ja nicht ein Sünder,

Du bist ja nicht ein Sünder, wie wir und unsre Kinder, von Missetaten weißt du nicht.

Ich, ich und meine Sünden, die sich wie Körnlein finden des Sandes an dem Meer, die haben dir erreget das Elend, das dich schläget, und das betrübte Marterheer. Who struck you in this way, my Salvation; and with torment treated you so badly? For you are no sinner like us and our children; you know nothing of evildoing.

I, I and my sins, which are as many as the grains of sand on the seashore, they have brought you the misery that has struck you, and the miserable band of torturers.

After Jesus is sent away for further interrogation, Peter faces his second test. This time he is confronted by several bystanders who hound him with their accusations.

12a. (16.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Und Hannas sandte ihn gebunden zu dem Hohenpriester Kaiphas. Simon Petrus stund und wärmete sich; da sprachen sie zu ihm:

Now Annas sent Jesus bound to the high priest Caiaphas. Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Then they said to him:

Bach's setting is brilliant: the hissing questions come ever quicker, nipping at the beleaguered Peter from all directions.

12b. (17.) Chorus

Bist du nicht seiner Jünger einer?

Are you not one of his disciples?

When Peter denies Christ a third time the cock crows, and he suddenly remembers Jesus' warning. Realizing what he has done, he collapses in remorse. The scene is one of the most memorable moments in the work. While the Evangelist's narration to this point has been expressive but straightforward, it now abandons all objectivity—the highly chromatic line for the text "und weinete bitterlich" (all twelve chromatic tones are included in the vocal part) making Peter's anguish palpable to the listener. That this text does not belong to the Gospel of John but was borrowed from Matthew suggests that Bach may have had a keen interest in it.

12c. (18.) Recitative (Evangelist, Peter, and Servant)

Er leugnete aber und sprach: Ich bins nicht. Spricht des Hohenpriesters Knecht' einer, ein Gefreundter des, dem Petrus das Ohr abgehauen hatte: Sahe ich dich nicht im Garten bei ihm? Da verleugnete Petrus abermal, und alsobald krähete der Hahn. Da gedachte Petrus an die Worte Jesu, und ging hinaus und weinete bitterlich.

But he denied it and said, "I am not." Then one of the high priest's servants, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Then Peter denied it again, and immediately the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered Jesus' words, and went outside, and wept bitterly.

In a technically demanding aria for tenor and string orchestra, the shattered narrator gives reign to absolute desperation, for Peter's act is now appropriated as his own. The music is full of dramatic leaps, jabbing rhythms, and sighing figures.

13. (19.) Tenor Aria

Ach, mein Sinn,
wo willt du endlich hin,
wo soll ich mich erquikken?
Bleib ich hier,
oder wünsch ich mir
Berg und Hügel auf den Rükken?
Bei der Welt ist gar kein Rat,
und im Herzen
stehn die Schmerzen
meiner Missetat,
weil der Knecht
den Herrn verleugnet hat.

O my spirit, where will you finally go? Where do I find comfort? Do I stay here? Or call on mountain and hill to bury me? This world offers no counsel, and in my heart I face the agony of my transgression, for the servant has denied his lord.

In the chorale that concludes Part I the chorus once again joins the action directly, commenting on Peter's failure to remember Christ's warning that he would deny him three times. The words "one earnest look" allude to the denial account in the Gospel of Luke, which alone of the four Gospels reports that after the cock crowed, "the Lord turned and looked at Peter."

14. (20.) Chorale
Petrus, der nicht denkt zurück,
seinen Gott verneinet,
der doch auf ein' ernsten Blick
bitterlichen weinet.
Jesu, blikke mich auch an,
wenn ich nicht will büßen;
wenn ich Böses hab getan,
rühre mein Gewissen!

Peter, not thinking back, denies his God, but upon one earnest look, weeps bitterly.
Jesus, look also at me when I am slow to repent; when I have done some evil stir my conscience!

Part II

Part II, which came after the sermon in Bach's day, takes us through the remaining horrible events: the interrogation, flogging, and, finally, crucifixion of Jesus. The most important formal feature of Part II (already mentioned earlier) is the symmetrical shape of a central complex of choruses, recitatives, and arias, in which a central hymn-like movement is framed by paired outer movements. Symmetrical design is evident on more

than one level, as the following diagram demonstrates.

Chorus (18b [29]): Nicht diesen, sondern Barrabam!
Recitative (18c [30]): Barrabas aber war ein Mörder
Bass Arioso (19 [31]): Betrachte, meine Seel
Aria (20 [32]): Erwäge
Recitative (21a [33]): Und die Kreigsknechte
Chorus (21b [34]) Sei gegrüßet

Recitative (21c [35]): Und gaben ihn Backenstreiche Chorus (21d [36]): Kreuzige, kreuzige! Recitative (21e [37]): Pilatus sprach zu ihnen Chorus (21f [38]): Wir haben ein Gesetz Recitative (21g [39]): Da Pilatus das Wort hörete

"Chorale" (22 [40]): Durch dein Gefängnis

Recitative (23a [41]): Die Jüden aber schrieen Chorus (23b [42]): Lässest du diesen los Recitative (23c [43]): Da Pilatus das Wort hörete Chorus (23d [44]): Weg, weg mit dem Recitative (23e [45]): Spricht Pilatus zu ihnen

Chorus (23f [46]): Wir haben keinen König Recitative (23g [47]): Da überantwortete er ihn Bass Aria and Chorus (24 [48]) Eilt, ihr angefochten Seelen Recitative (25a [49]): Allda kreuzigten sie ihn Chorus (25b [50]) Schreibe nicht

Robin Leaver calls the central "chorale" movement the "heart and focus of the entire work." It might more accurately be called a "quasi-chorale" because the text is not a chorale text. Nevertheless, by setting the words to a well-known chorale melody, Bach gives the movement the liturgical weight of a chorale—a corporate expression of the congregation.

Why is this text so important that Bach would frame it with the "crucify" statements of the mob, as if imprisoned by the cries? Apparently, for Bach, the words captured "the essential meaning [of] the Passion story . . . that Jesus' submission to earthly bondage released humanity from eternal bondage."

Bach often used arch form (palindromic symmetry) to structure his works. Examples include the motet "Jesu, meine Freude," Cantatas 75 and 76 (the first two cantatas Bach presented after arriving in Leipzig), and the *Mass in B Minor*, among others. In such works Bach evidently used arch form to draw attention to a central "keystone" movement, which often also functions as a turning point—a fulcrum. In literary and theological terms the

central movement reveals the heart or "crux" of the matter. Arch form is therefore essentially chiastic, the movements forming the Greek letter *chi* (X):

A B C D C B A

When comparing instances of chiastic form in Bach's works we find that the central movements often mark a place where antithetical text elements meet; a turning point where paradoxical elements are resolved through a process of inversion. In theological terms it is the "cross principle": as Christ gained victory through his death so Christian believers are exalted through cross-bearing. Listeners in Bach's day would have known that the formulation of the concept originated with Jesus, who taught his disciples, "Unless a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it remains alone, but if it die it produces much fruit" and "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it "16"

Part II of the *St. John Passion* begins with a chorale that hints at the paradox of the cross. Its primary focus, however, is the rank injustice of the preceding events. The simple hymn serves as a banner for the entire second part.

15. (21.) Chorale Christus, der uns selig macht, kein Bös' hat begangen, der ward für uns in der Nacht als ein Dieb gefangen, geführt vor gottlose Leut und fälschlich verklaget, verlacht, verhöhnt und verspeit, wie denn die Schrift saget.

Christ, through whom we are blest, knew no evildoing.
He for us was in the night like a thief arrested, led before a godless throng and falsely accused, laughed at, scoffed at, spat on, as it says in the scriptures.

Now the case is transferred to Roman authority and Pilate comes on stage.

16a. (22.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

Da führeten sie Jesum von Kaiphas vor das Richthaus, und es war frühe. Und sie gingen nicht in das Richthaus, auf daß sie nicht unrein würden, sondern Ostern essen möchten. Da ging Pilatus zu ihnen heraus und sprach: Was bringet ihr für Klage wider diesen Menschen? Sie antworteten und sprachen zu ihm:

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the courthouse, and it was early. And they did not enter the courthouse, lest they become defiled, for they wanted to eat the Passover. Then Pilate went out to them, and said, "What charges do you bring against this person?" They answered and said to him.

The mob hardly waits for Pilate to finish speaking and its response begs the question. The crowd's increasing determination can be heard in the chromatically ascending "stalking" motive of the voices, and the threat of crucifixion in the \square "crucify" motive, which appears in the latter part of the movement.

16b. (23.) Chorus

Wäre dieser nicht ein Übeltäter, wir hätten dir ihn If this man were not an evildoer, we would not

nicht überantwortet.

have brought him before you.

Pilate tries to extricate himself by deferring to religious law, but the mob responds, "We may not put someone to death." In this way we learn for the first time that Jesus is being accused of a capital crime.

16c. (24.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

Da sprach Pilatus zu ihnen: So nehmet ihr hin und richtet ihn nach eurem Gesetze! Da sprachen die Jüden zu ihm:

Then Pilate said to them, "So take him and judge him according to your law!" Then the Jews said to him:

Again Bach connects narrative recitative and choral outburst, underlining the intensity of the exchange. The "stalking" motive returns, while the flutes and first violins play continuous, leaping sixteenths, denoting the increased agitation of the accusers.

16d. (25.) Chorus

Wir dürfen niemand töten.

We are not allowed to put anyone to death.

At this point the St. John Gospel account stresses again the preordained nature of these events. Pilate questions Jesus regarding his kingship and Jesus answers majestically, "My kingdom is not of this world." When he continues, "If my kingdom were of this world my servants would fight . . ." the agitated style of the previous movement reappears briefly in both vocal and accompanying parts, effectively highlighting the contrast between human and divine perspectives. Since Jesus claims an otherworldly kingdom, Pilate now has no excuse.

16e. (26.) Recitative (Evangelist, Pilate, and Jesus)

Auf daß erfüllet würde das Wort Jesu, welches er sagte, da er deutete, welches Todes er sterben würde. Da ging Pilatus wieder hinein in das Richthaus und rief Jesu und sprach zu ihm: Bist du der Jüden König? Jesus antwortete: Redest du das von dir selbst, oder habens dir andere von mir gesagt? Pilatus antwortete: Bin ich ein Jüde? Dein Volk und die Hohenpriester haben dich mir überantwortet; was hast du getan? Jesus antwortete: Mein Reich ist nicht von dieser Welt; wäre mein Reich von dieser Welt, meine Diener würden darob kämpfen, daß ich den Jüden nicht überantwortet würde; aber, nun ist mein Reich nicht von dannen.

So that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he had spoken, when he had indicated by what manner of death he would die. Then Pilate entered the courthouse again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this of yourself, or have others said this to you of me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your people and the high priests have given you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world my servants would fight to defend it, so that I would not be delivered over to the Jews! But now my kingdom is not from thence.

The choir takes up the theme of Christ's kingship in two stanzas of a hymn. Beginning as it does with the divine appellation, "Ach großer König," this movement parallels the earlier chorale, "O große Lieb." To stress the connection between the two, Bach uses the same chorale tune for both texts.

17. (27.) Chorale Ach großer König, groß zu allen Zeiten,

O mighty king, mighty through all ages, wie kann ich gnugsam diese Treu ausbreiten? Keins Menschen Herze mag indes ausdenken, was dir zu schenken.

Ich kann's mit meinen Sinnen nicht erreichen, womit doch dein Erbarmen zu vergleichen. Wie kann ich dir denn deine Liebestaten im Werk erstatten? how can I fitly proclaim this faithfulness? No human heart can ever conceive what to give you.

With all my faculties I can not conceive what might compare with your compassion. How then could I, repay your deeds of love, with works?

As Pilate continues to press him for answers, Jesus turns the conversation to the issue most fundamental to the question of his identity and the trial at hand: integrity and the honest search for truth. Pilate, realizing that he has an innocent man on his hands, seeks to release him. However, his offer of amnesty for the so-called King of the Jews simply enrages the crowd and they shout that they would rather have the release of a notorious criminal named Barabbas.

18a. (28.) Recitative (Evangelist, Pilate, and Jesus)

Da sprach Pilatus zu ihm: So bist du dennoch ein König? Jesus antwortete: Du sagsts, ich bin ein König. Ich bin dazu geboren und in die Welt kommen, daß ich die Wahrheit zeugen soll. Wer aus der Wahrheit ist, der höret meine Stimme. Spricht Pilatus zu ihm: Was ist Wahrheit? Und da er das gesaget, ging er wieder hinaus, zu den Jüden und spricht zu ihnen: Ich find keine Schuld an ihm. Ihr habt aber eine Gewohnheit, daß ich euch einen losgebe: wollt ihr nun, daß ich euch der Jüden König losgebe? Da schrieen sie wieder allesamt und sprachen:

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are nevertheless a king?" Jesus answered, "You say, I am a king. For that I was born and have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Whoever is of the truth hears my voice. Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

And when he said this he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault in him. But you have a custom, that I release one person to you: do you wish for me to release to you the king of the Jews?" But again they all shouted and said:

Bach's setting of the crowd's retort is short and effective with its jabbing vocal lines and hectic obbligato played by Flutes I and II, Oboe I, and Violin I.

18b. (29.) Chorus

Nicht diesen, sondern Barrabam!

Not this one but Barabbas!

From the chorus Bach plunges directly into a recitative. That he wanted the dramatic momentum maintained at this point is clear from the final notes of the obbligato and bass instruments, which are sustained, providing a bridge between the two movements. In the recitative the narrator first explains the egregiousness of the crowd's choice; then, with a technically demanding flurry of notes, he paints a vivid picture of the flogging ordered by Pilate.

18c. (30.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Barrabas aber war ein Mörder. Da nahm Pilatus Jesum und geißelte ihn.

Barabbas, however, was a murderer. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.

From a dramatic perspective, the following bass arioso marks the first moment of acquiescence. It is distinctive for its accompaniment: the motoric rhythms of a plucked lute and intermittently sounding bass—like the ticking of a clock—suggest resignation, a mood accentuated by softly sighing strings (played by muted violins or viola d'amores). Concerning this instrumentation Marion Metcalf notes that the lute was considered antiquated in Bach's time, and that "this particular combination of instruments and voice is unique in what survives of Bach's music." Nevertheless, lutes were apparently used as continuo instruments in Leipzig's church music and are specified in at least one other cantata. 18

19. (31.) Bass Arioso

Betrachte, meine Seel, mit ängstlichem Vergnügen, mit bittrer Lust und halb beklemmtem Herzen dein höchstes Gut in Jesu Schmerzen, wie dir auf Dornen, so ihn stechen, die Himmelsschlüsselblumen blühn! Du kannst viel süße Frucht von seiner Wermut brechen, drum sieh ohn Unterlaß auf ihn!

Consider, my soul, with fearful pleasure, with bitter delight and half constricted heart, your greatest good in Jesus' suffering; how for you the thorns that pierce him, bloom with heaven's primroses! You can gather much sweet fruit amongst his wormwood, so look unceasingly upon him!

In a coloratura da capo aria for tenor, the listener is reminded that these horrible events will end in blessing. The point is made in typically graphic baroque manner: the streaked blood stains on Jesus' back are compared to the rainbow of promise after the flood in Noah's day. The aria is much longer than the other ones in the *St. John Passion*, suggesting that Bach considered it of primary significance.

20. (32.) Tenor Aria

Erwäge, wie sein blutgefärbter Rükken in allen Stükken dem Himmel gleiche geht, daran, nachdem die Wasserwogen von unsrer Sündflut sich verzogen, der allerschönste Regenbogen als Gottes Gnadenzeichen steht. Ponder, how his bloodied back, in every way is like the heavens, on which after the watery billows of our sin's flood have subsided, the most beautiful rainbow appears, as a token of God's grace.

Having tortured him, the Roman soldiers begin to taunt Jesus, prancing around him in a mockingly playful dance for voices and instruments. The dance ends abruptly with further violence as they hit him in the face.

21a. (33.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Und die Kriegsknechte flochten eine Krone von Dornen und satzten sie auf sein Haupt und legten ihm ein Purpurkleid an und sprachen:

And the soldiers plaited a crown out of thorns, and set it on his head, and put a robe of purple on him, and said:

21b. (34.) Chorus

Sei gegrüßet, lieber Jüdenkönig!

We hail you, beloved King of the Jews!

Attempting to appeal to the humanity of the crowd, Pilate presents the innocent victim, now costumed in crown and robe, to the crowd. But the mob is bloodthirsty, and will have none of it.

21c. (35.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

Und gaben ihm Bakkenstreiche. Da ging Pilatus wieder heraus und sprach zu ihnen: Sehet, ich führe ihn heraus zu euch, daß ihr erkennet, daß ich keine Schuld an ihm finde.

Also ging Jesus heraus und trug eine Dornenkrone und Purpurkleid. Und er sprach zu ihnen: welch ein Mensch! Da ihn die Hohenpriester und die Diener sahen, schrieen sie und sprachen:

And they hit him in the face. Then Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I bring him out to you, so that you know that I find no fault in him."

So Jesus went out wearing a crown of thorns and a robe of purple. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the high priests and servants saw him, they screamed and said:

Bach's musical portrayal of the enraged mob's response incorporates subtle complexities. Beyond a surface effect of sheer agitation, he encapsulates the idea of crucifixion by means of chiastic devices: invertible counterpoint (in which the II "kreuzige" motive and a linear figure consisting of two sinuously clashing parallel lines exchange places) and motivic inversion (in which the primary motive appears in mirror form).

21d. (36.) Chorus

Kreuzige, kreuzige!

Crucify, crucify!

In an apparent bluff, Pilate tells the accusers they will have to carry out the deed themselves

21e. (37.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

kreuziget ihn; denn ich finde keine Schuld an ihm! Die Jüden antworteten ihm:

Pilatus sprach zu ihnen: Nehmet ihr ihn hin und Pilate said to them, "You take him away and crucify him, for I find no fault in him." The Jews answered him:

For their reply Bach employs an emphatic rhythm with syncopation to provide "a rather pompous air to the assertion that Jesus has broken Jewish law; with minor rhythmic variations, the same theme in No. 23b (42) suggests a more frantic response to the possibility of Jesus' release." The form is that of fugue, in which voices follow each other in strict imitation. Because fugue form was often used to depict law or dogma, its appearance here is ironic, for the mob is anything but lawful in its inflexible fanaticism. Nevertheless, the crowd does get to the heart of the complaint: Jesus' claim to divinity.

21f. (38.) Chorus

Wir haben ein Gesetz, und nach dem Gesetz soll We have a law, and according to that law he must er sterben; denn er hat sich selbst zu Gottes Sohn die, for he has made himself out to be God's son. gemacht.

Pilate is now afraid, and when Jesus refuses to cower despite Pilate's threats he is frightened even more. Pilate's eventual determination to find a way to release his prisoner is portrayed by Bach in harmonies of utmost sweetness, as if to suggest that a happy outcome might yet be possible. However the music page is littered with sharp signs (in German the sharp sign is called "Kreuz," which is also the word for "cross") as if to say that it will never happen.

21g. (39.) Recitative (Evangelist, Pilate, and Jesus)

Da Pilatus das Wort hörete, fürchtet' er sich noch mehr und ging wieder hinein in das Richthaus, und sprach zu Jesu: Von wannen bist du? Aber Jesus gab ihm keine Antwort. Da sprach Pilatus zu ihm: Redest du nicht mit mir? Weißest du nicht, daß ich Macht habe, dich zu kreuzigen, und Macht habe, dich loszugeben? Jesus antwortete: Du hättest keine Macht über mich, wenn sie dir nicht wäre von oben herab gegeben; darum, der mich dir überantwortet hat, der hat's größ're Sünde. Von dem an trachtete Pilatus, wie er ihn losließe.

Now when Pilate heard this he was even more frightened, and entered the courthouse again, and said to Jesus, "From where are you?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Do not know that I have the power to crucify you, and the power to release you?" Jesus replied, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above; therefore, he who delivered me up to you has the greater sin." From then on Pilate strove for a way to release him.

We come now to the central movement, which is, literally and figuratively, the crux of the matter—the theology of the cross in a nutshell. The hymn text relates directly to the theme expressed at the very outset of the work: "Show us by your Passion that you, the true Son of God, were glorified at all times, even in the greatest abasement." From a dramatic point of view, too, this chorale is the pivotal point in the work. Until now there has still been hope that Jesus might be released. The mob, however, is uncontrollable in its murderous intent, and the turning point is reached.

22. (40.) Chorale

Durch dein Gefängnis, Gottes Sohn, muß uns die Freiheit kommen; Dein Kerker ist der Gnadenthron. die Freistatt aller Frommen; denn ainast du nicht die Knechtschaft ein, müßt unsre Knechtschaft ewig sein.

Through your captivity O Son of God, our freedom had to come: your prison is the throne of grace. the free state of all the godly; for had you not taken up servitude, our servitude would have been eternal.

The rabble now aggressively pushes its advantage, threatening Pilate with sibilant language that veritably hisses in anger.

23a. (41.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Die Jüden aber schrieen und sprachen:

But the Jews screamed and said:

23b. (42.) Chorus

Lässest du diesen los, so bist du des Kaisers Freund nicht; denn wer sich zum Könige machet, der ist wider den Kaiser

If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar, for whoever makes himself out to be a king is against Caesar.

Pilate is not cowed by the crowd. In a show of judicial authority he ironically presents Jesus as their king. In so doing he turns the accusers' own argument against them, making them liable for treason themselves.

23c. (43.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

Stätte, die da heißet: Hochpflaster, auf Ebräisch called High Pavement, but in Hebrew called

Da Pilatus das Wort hörete, führete er Jesum When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out, heraus und satzte sich auf den Richtstuhl, an der and sat down on the seat of judgment, in a place schrieen aber:

aber: Gabbatha. Es war aber der Rüsttag in Gabbatha. It was about the sixth hour on the day Ostern, um die sechste Stunde, und er spricht zu of preparation for the Passover, and he said to the den Jüden: Sehet, das ist euer König! Sie Jews, "Look, that is your king!" But they shouted:

In response, the frenzied crowd calls for crucifixion a second time. The "crucify" motive reappears, reminding us of the earlier statement. At the end of the agitated movement the discord reaches a climax with the choral basses holding a high C# against clashing B#s and D#s in the other parts.

23d. (44.) Chorus

Weg mit dem, kreuzige ihn!

Away with him, crucify him!

23e. (45.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

Spricht Pilatus zu ihnen: Soll ich euren König kreuzigen? Die Hohenpriester antworteten:

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The high priests answered:

After Pilate taunts them with a further reference to "Jesus their king" they shout their avowed allegiance to Caesar.

23f. (46.) Chorus

Wir haben keinen König denn den Kaiser.

We have no king but Caesar.

In a highly chromatic recitative (all twelve tones of the octave appear in the vocal part within six measures) the narrator describes Jesus' sentencing. Crucifixion was a particularly brutal form of execution and Bach sets the entire text very expressively; in particular, he gives the word "crucify" a striking melisma of great pathos.

23g. (47.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Da überantwortete er ihn, daß er gekreuziget würde. Sie nahmen aber Jesum and führeten ihn hin. Und er trug sein Kreuz und ging hinaus zur Stätte, die da heißet Schädelstätt, welche heißet auf Ebräisch: Golgatha.

Then Pilate handed him over so that he might be crucified. But they took Jesus and led him away. And, carrying his cross, he went out to a place called Place of a Skull, which, in Hebrew, is called Golgotha.

Evidently the crowd immediately begins to disperse, eager to tell others of the verdict and the impending execution. Bach paints the picture vividly with unison figures that run up the scale. The exhortation to run to Golgotha is both literal and figurative. In the figurative sense, the soloist urges listeners, as human beings driven and assailed by cares, to run to the cross in faith. The text stresses what has been emphasized from the mid-point of the Passion on: the cross ultimately represents the means of salvation. Marion Metcalf writes, "In [this aria] Bach again reinforces the Easter message, as the bass soloist urges seekers of salvation, represented by the chorus asking 'where? where?,' to look [to] Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified."20

24. (48.) Bass Aria and Chorus

Eilt, ihr angefochtnen Seelen, geht aus euren Marterhöhlen, eilt.

Wohin?

Hasten, you souls assailed, leave your caves of torment, hasten. Where to?

eilt nach Golgatha! Nehmet an des Glaubens Flügel, Wohin? flieht zum Kreuzeshügel. eure Wohlfahrt blüht allda!

hasten to Golgotha! Take on the wings of faith, Where to? fly to the cross's hill. your welfare blossoms there!

The actual crucifixion is told simply—without graphic description. More pointed is the writer's description of Pilate's parting jab at his unruly subjects: on Jesus' cross he hangs a taunting sign (in three languages) that combines a reference to Jesus' lowly origin with the facetiously bestowed royal title. To highlight the inscription's significance, Bach sets it majestically with a plagal ("Amen") cadence in Abmajor.

25a. (49.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Allda kreuzigten sie ihn, und mit ihm zween andere zu beiden Seiten, Jesum aber mitten inne. Pilatus aber schrieb eine Überschrift, und satzte sie auf das Kreuz, und war geschrieben: "Jesus von Nazareth, der Jüden König." Diese Überschrift lasen viel Jüden, denn die Stätte war nahe bei der Stadt, da Jesus gekreuziget ist. Und es war geschrieben auf ebräische, griechische und lateinische Sprache. Da sprachen die Hohenpriester der Jüden zu Pilato:

There they crucified him, and with him two others on either side, Jesus between them. But Pilate wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It said: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews!" This inscription was read by many Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the town. And it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Then the high priests of the Jews said to Pilate:

Of course the religious leaders object strenuously and suggest an alternative reading.

25b. (50.) Chorus

gesaget habe: Ich bin der Jüden König!

Schreibe nicht: der Jüden König, sondern daß er Do not write "The King of the Jews" but rather that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews!"

Again Pilate asserts his authority.

25c. (51.) Recitative (Evangelist and Pilate)

Pilatus antwortet: Was ich geschrieben habe, das habe ich geschrieben.

Pilate replied, "What I have written, that I have written."

Providing some respite from the intensity of the foregoing exchange, the chorus sings a simple hymn that ponders the significance of Jesus' name and cross for the believer.

26. (52.) Chorale In meines Herzens Grunde, dein Nam und Kreuz allein funkelt all Zeit und Stunde, drauf kann ich fröhlich sein. Erschein mir in dem Bilde zu Trost in meiner Not, wie du, Herr Christ, so milde dich hast geblut' zu Tod!

In my heart's center your name and cross alone glows at all times and hours; for this I can be joyful. Appear to me in that image (for comfort in my need) of how you, Lord Christ, so gently bled to death for us!

The four soldiers, considering Jesus as good as dead, divide his clothes among themselves.

27a. (53.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Die Kriegsknechte aber, da sie Jesum gekreuziget hatten, nahmen seine Kleider und machten vier Teile, einem jeglichen Kriegsknechte sein Teil, dazu auch den Rock. Der Rock aber war ungenähet, von oben an gewürket durch und durch. Da sprachen sie untereinander:

But the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, divided his garments in four equal portions, a portion for each of the soldiers, and also his coat. Now the coat had no seams but was woven through and through from end to end. So they said to one another:

Realizing that the coat is too precious to be cut, the soldiers decide to gamble for it. Bach's music rollicks along, the instruments perhaps depicting the rattling roll of dice. The competition becomes more intense. Finally, yelping with success, the soprano (the youngest one?) grabs the prize with glee.

27b. (54.) Chorus

losen, wes er sein soll.

Lasset uns den nicht zerteilen, sondern darum Let us not divide it, but draw lots for it to see whose it shall be.

In keeping with the Gospel writer's aim to depict these horrible events as divinely supervised, he notes that the soldiers' act was, in fact, a fulfillment of prophecy, and he quotes a passage from Psalm 22 to prove it. He then describes the attending women (which include three named Mary) and the disciples, who stand at the foot of the cross. Then he relates one of the most moving exchanges in the entire Passion account: in a weak voice Jesus asks the "disciple whom Jesus loved" (i.e., John, the Gospel writer himself) and his mother to care for each other when he is gone.

27c. (55.) Recitative (Evangelist and Jesus)

Auf daß erfüllet würde die Schrift, die da saget: "Sie haben meine Kleider unter sich geteilet und haben über meinen Rock das Los geworfen." Solches taten die Kriegesknechte.

Es stund aber bei dem Kreuze Jesu seine Mutter und seiner Mutter Schwester, Maria, Kleophas Weib, und Maria Magdalena. Da nun Jesus seine Mutter sahe und den Jünger dabei stehen, den er lieb hatte, spricht er zu seiner Mutter: Weib, siehe, das ist dein Sohn! Darnach spricht er zu dem Jünger: Siehe, das ist deine Mutter!

So that the scripture might be fulfilled, which says, "They parted my raiment among them and cast lots for my coat." That is what the soldiers did. Now standing beside the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Now when Jesus saw his mother and his beloved disciple standing by her, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, this is your son! Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, that is your mother!"

Emotionally spent, the chorus responds with a hymn of bittersweet simplicity. Bach uses the same tune here as in the earlier chorale, "Petrus, der nicht denkt zurrück." In this way he draws a comparison between Jesus' thoughtfulness—even in death—with Peter's thoughtlessness.

28. (56.) Chorale Er nahm alles wohl in acht in der letzten Stunde. seine Mutter noch bedacht, setzt ihr ein' Vormunde. O Mensch, mache Richtigkeit, Gott und Menschen liebe, stirb darauf ohn alles Leid, und dich nicht betrübe!

He took heed of everything in his last hour. thought yet of his mother, assigning to her a guardian. O man, act rightly, love God and fellow man. then die without sorrow, and do not be distressed!

As Jesus nears his end the Gospel writer once again notes the prophetic nature of the transpiring events.

29. (57.) Recitative (Evangelist and Jesus)

Und von Stund an nahm sie der Jünger zu sich. Darnach, als Jesus wußte, daß schon alles vollbracht war, daß die Schrift erfüllet würde, spricht er: Mich dürstet! Da stund ein Gefäße voll Essigs. Sie fülleten aber einen Schwamm mit Essig und legten ihn um einen Isopen, und hielten es ihm dar zum Munde. Da nun Jesus den Essig genommen hatte, sprach er: Es ist vollbracht!

And from that hour on the disciple took her to himself. After that, when Jesus knew that everything had already been finished to fulfill scripture, he said, "I thirst!" A vessel full of vinegar stood there. They filled a sponge with vinegar and put it on a twig of hyssop, and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, "It is finished!"

The double meaning of the phrase, "It is finished" is taken up in a highly memorable aria that follows. Of this movement, Martin Geck writes:

Bach's utter centrality in the history of Western music is nowhere better illustrated than by the aria "Es ist vollbracht," the principal idea of which is derived from the tradition of the instrumental *tombeau* as scored for lute, harpsichord and viol and associated at least from the seventeenth century with the notion of commemorating the death of important individuals. . . . At the same time, however, the opening bars of the aria anticipate the *Klagender Gesang* ("Arioso dolente") of Beethoven's op. 110 Piano Sonata and the aria "Es ist genug" ("It is enough") from Mendelssohn's Elijah.²¹

Andreas Glöckner writes:

[Bach] again breaks the rules of the traditional da capo aria. Instead of using the usual A-B-A form, in which the middle section produces a clear contrast by virtue of its reduced volume of sound, Bach applies the opposite strategy in this unusual movement. While the tone of the A section is intentionally subdued through the use of the chamber musical forces of viola da gamba and continuo, Bach accentuates a sharp contrast in the B section—fitting the text "Der Held aus Juda siegt mit Macht"—by calling for the entire string section of the orchestra, which he then augmented in 1749 by the addition of a bassono grosso (contra-bassoon). The contrast is emphasized the more by the different tempo headings—"Molto Adagio" for the A section and "Vivace" for the B section.²²

The idea that Christ's death accomplished a preordained plan of salvation is made explicit in the movement, as the alto meditates on Christ's final words, "It is finished." Michael Marissen writes:

Bach's aria "Es ist vollbracht" (No. 30 [58]) projects Luther's theology of the cross most forcefully. At first it seems as though the notes simply contradict the words, since Jesus' cry of triumph is set as a somber dirge. But these are surface features. The aria is scored with an obbligato for a special instrument, the viola da gamba, a favorite solo instrument in French Baroque court music; and often the underlying rhythms are the ones cultivated in the majestic style of Louis XIV's court music and therefore widely imitated elsewhere. . . . Although it is notated in [this so-called] dotted style, [the] gamba music, owing to its slowness and smoothness, sounds somber. That is to say, only on the page, which listeners do not see, does the music appear majestic. As Bach's music has it, then, Jesus' majesty is "hidden" in its opposite, which is very much a Lutheran approach.

[By contrast] the middle section of this aria . . . [with its] fast repeated notes, an Italian Baroque convention for "militant" affects [i.e., emotional states] ... is more what one would expect from a victorious Christ. But the final notes spell a diminished chord, the most unstable harmony available in Bach's vocabulary. This middle section cannot stand formally closed. . . . It has to resolve somehow, and it does so right into the slow gamba music of the opening section again.²³

30. (58.) Alto Aria

Es ist vollbracht! O Trost für die gekränkten Seelen. Die Trauernacht, läßt nun die letzte Stunde zählen. Der Held aus Juda siegt mit Macht, und schließt den Kampf. Es ist vollbracht.

It is finished! O comfort for all vexed souls. The night of grieving now sees its final hour. The champion from Judah triumphs mightily and ends the battle. It is finished.

The actual death of Jesus is set very simply—the tenor soloist is given the challenge of conveying the utmost pathos in just nine notes.

31. (59.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Und neiget das Haupt und verschied.

And bowed his head and was gone.

In a fascinating movement that combines a four-part chorale with a bass aria in the slowly rocking rhythm of the siciliano (a baroque dance with pastoral associations), we hear the inner struggle of the individual played out against the ecclesiastical response of the believing community.

doch neigest du das Haupt

mehr ich nicht begehre!

und sprichst stillschweigend: ja.

32. (60.) Bass Aria and Chorus Mein teurer Heiland, laß dich fragen, Jesu, der du warest tot, da du nunmehr ans Kreuz geschlagen und selbst gesaget: es ist vollbracht, lebest nun ohn Ende, bin ich vom Sterben frei gemacht? in der letzten Todesnot nirgend mich hinwende Kann ich durch deine Pein und Sterben das Himmelreich ererben? Ist aller Welt Erlösung da? als zu dir. der mich versühnt, o du lieber Herre! Du kannst vor Schmerzen zwar nichts sagen; Gib mir nur. was du verdient,

My dear Savior, give me answer, Jesus, you who once were dead, since you were nailed upon the cross, and said yourself, "It is finished," now you live forever. am I now freed from death? In the final pangs of death may I never turn elsewhere Can I, through your pain and dying, inherit the heavenly kingdom? Is this the redemption of all the world? than to you, who have atoned for me, O beloved Savior! Indeed you cannot answer for pain; Grant me but what you have earned, yet you bow your head more I do not desire! to say, in silence, "Yes."

Borrowed from the Gospel of Matthew, the earthquake scene that follows was apparently incorporated into the libretto at Bach's own wish. In both recitative and aria the composer paints a vivid picture in the instrumental lines of the quake and the rending of the temple

veil, with shaking figures and a two-octave run that tears downward in thirty-second notes.

33. (61.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Und siehe da, der Vorhang im Tempel zerriß in zwei Stück von oben an bis unten aus. Und die Erde erbebete, und die Felsen zerrissen, und die and the rocks were torn apart, and graves were Gräber täten sich auf, und stunden auf viele opened, and the bodies of many saints arose. Leiber der Heiligen.

And behold, the veil in the temple was torn in two pieces, from top to bottom. And the earth shook.

Musing that the cataclysmic events (which are now depicted even more explicitly in the instrumental lines) constitute nature's horrified response to the death of its creator, the tenor asks with great earnestness what the heart's response to Jesus' death should be.

34. (62.) Tenor Arioso

Mein Herz, indem die ganze Welt bei Jesu Leiden gleichfalls leidet, die Sonne sich in Trauer kleidet. der Vorhang reißt, der Fels zerfällt, die Erde bebt, die Gräber spalten. weil sie den Schöpfer sehn erkalten, was willst du deines Ortes tun?

O my heart, now that all the world at Jesus' suffering likewise suffers: the sun shrouds itself in mourning, the veil tears. the rocks disintegrate, the earth shakes. the graves split open. because they see the Creator dying; what will you for your part do?

It is the soprano who answers the tenor's question with an aria in F minor, a lament in which restless thirty-second notes, a throbbing bass figure (consisting of repeated eighth notes that begin after an initial eighth note rest on the downbeat of each measure), sighing gestures, and occasional pauses work together to produce a vivid portrayal of grief and anguish.

35. (63.) Soprano Aria

Zerfließe, mein Herze, in Fluten der Zähren. dem Höchsten zu Ehren! Erzähle der Welt und dem Himmel die Not: dein Jesus ist tot!

Overflow, O my heart, in torrents of tears, to honor the Most High! Tell earth and heaven the dark tidings: your Jesus is dead!

In a lengthy recitative by the Evangelist we encounter again the Gospel writer's concern to portray Jesus' crucifixion as a divine fulfillment of Old Testament scriptures, which are highlighted musically by Bach in passages marked "Adagio."

(64.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Die Jüden aber, dieweil es der Rüsttag war, daß nicht die Leichname am Kreuze blieben den Sabbat über (denn desselbigen Sabbaths Tag war sehr groß), baten sie Pilatum, daß ihre Beine gebrochen und sie abgenommen würden. Da kamen die Kriegsknechte und brachen dem ersten die Beine und dem andern, der mit ihm gekreuziget war. Als sie aber zu Jesu kamen, da sie sahen, daß er schon gestorben war, brachen sie ihm die Beine nicht: sondern der Kriegsknechte

But the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the body should not remain on the cross over the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a very high one), entreated Pilate to have their legs broken and they be taken down. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one. and of the other who was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he had already died, they did not break his legs; instead, one of the soldiers opened his side with a spear,

einer eröffnete seine Seite mit einem Speer, und and immediately blood and water came out. alsobald ging Blut und Wasser heraus.

Und der das gesehen hat, der hat es bezeuget, und sein Zeugnis ist wahr, und derselbige weiß, daß er die Wahrheit saget, auf das ihr glaubet. Denn solches ist geschehen, auf daß die Schrift erfüllet würde: "Ihr sollet ihm kein Bein zerbrechen." Und abermal spricht eine andere Schrift: "Sie werden sehen, in welchen sie gestochen haben."

And the one who saw this has borne record, and he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you may believe. For these things happened so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "You shall not break one of his legs." Again another scripture says, "They will behold the one whom they have pierced."

Here Bach reintroduces the chorale tune of *Christus der uns selig macht*, which began Part II of the Passion. In this way he comes full circle, inviting the listener to contemplate the parallel sentiments of the two hymns.

37. (65.) Chorale O hilf, Christe, Gottes Sohn, durch dein bitter Leiden, daß wir dir stets untertan all Untugend meiden. deinen Tod und sein Ursach fruchtbarlich bedenken. dafür, wiewohl arm und schwach, dir Dankopfer schenken!

Help, O Christ, God's Son, through your bitter suffering, that we, remaining subject to you always, would avoid all wickedness; would always contemplate beneficially your death and its purpose; bring you offerings of thanksgiving for it, though they be poor and weak!

Having prayed for strength to overcome human weakness in the preceding chorale, the librettist now tells the account of Jesus' burial, in which two disciples—formerly too timid to come forward and be identified as such—play a central role.

38. (66.) Recitative (Evangelist)

Darnach bat Pilatum Joseph von Arimathia, der ein Jünger Jesu war (doch heimlich aus Furcht vor den Jüden), daß er möchte abnehmen den Leichnam Jesu. Und Pilatus erlaubete es. Derowegen kam er und nahm den Leichnam Jesu herah

Es kam aber auch Nikodemus, der vormals bei der Nacht zu Jesu kommen war, und brachte Myrrhen und Aloen unter einander bei hundert Pfunden. Da nahmen sie den Leichnam Jesu und bunden ihn in leinen Tücher mit Spezereien, wie die Jüden pflegen zu begraben. Es war aber an der Stätte, da er gekreuziget ward, ein Garte, und im Garten ein neu Grab, in welches niemand je geleget war. Daselbst hin legten sie Jesum, um des Rüsttags willen der Jüden, dieweil das Grab nahe war.

Afterward, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus (but secretly, fearing the Jews). asked Pilate if he might take down Jesus' body. And Pilate allowed it. So he came and took down Jesus' body.

There came also Nicodemus, who had earlier come to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, a hundred pounds' weight. Then they took Jesus' body and wound it in linen cloths with spices, as is the Jewish manner of burial. Now at the place where he was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new grave, in which no one had ever been laid. There they laid Jesus, since it was the day of preparation, the grave being close by.

Following convention, and in the interest of large-scale symmetry, Bach ends the work with a major chorus, a gentle lullaby that contemplates Jesus being laid to rest in the tomb. The length of the movement suggests that Bach found the text particularly meaningful, made all the more poignant, perhaps, by memories of the many children he had personally laid to rest. Apparently the librettist considered the movement inconclusive, however. To expand on the Christian believer's hope, which lies ultimately not in Christ's death but in

the resurrection, a final chorale was added, allowing the believing community to affirm its anticipation of this eschatological event.

39. (67.) Chorus

Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine, die ich nun weiter nicht beweine, ruht wohl, und bringt auch mich zur Ruh. Das Grab, so euch bestimmet ist und ferner keine Not umschließt, macht mir den Himmel auf und schließt die Hölle zu.

40. (68.) Chorale
Ach Herr, laß dein lieb Engelein
am letzten End die Seele mein
in Abrahams Schoß tragen,
den Leib
in seim Schlafkämmerlein
gar sanft ohn einge Qual und Pein
ruhn bis am jüngsten Tage!
Alsdenn vom Tod erwekke mich,
daß meine Augen sehen dich
in aller Freud, o Gottes Sohn,
mein Heiland und Genadenthron!
Herr Jesu Christ, erhöre mich,
ich will dich preisen ewiglich!

Rest, well, you sacred bones, over which I shall no further weep. Rest well, and bring me also to rest. The grave, destined for you, and which no further pain encloses, opens heaven for me, and closes hell.

O Lord, let your little angel dear, in the final end, carry my soul into Abraham's bosom.
Let this body rest in its little sleeping chamber, quite softly, without any torment or pain, until Judgment Day!
And then from death awaken me, that my eyes may see you, in full joy, O Son of God, my Savior and my mercyseat!
Lord Jesus Christ, hear me, and I will praise you eternally!

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Tenor aria: Be Not So Much Distressed

Chorus: Lamb of God, Our Saviour

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Cantigas de Santa Maria - Alfonso the Wise

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Le moi de May (Chanson de quete)

Canzone, Sonate, Toccate, Sinfonie by Cesare, Marini, Uccellini, Frescobaldi, Selma y Salaverde, Cartello, 1987.

Three Dutch Folksongs (arr. J. Bremer), 1995.

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