

J.S. Bach  
Cantata No. 115  
Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit

(Coro.)

(Allegro moderato  $\text{♩} = 120.$ )

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the second for alto, the third for tenor, the fourth for bass, and the bottom staff is for the continuo (harpsichord or organ). The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#), and tempo Allegro moderato (♩ = 120). The vocal parts enter sequentially, starting with soprano, followed by alto, tenor, and bass. The continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The vocal entries feature eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note figures, often with grace notes and slurs. The score is written in a clear, traditional musical notation style.

(Mel.: „Straf' mich nicht in deinem Zorn!“)

Soprano.

Ma - - che dich, mein Geist, be - reit,  
*Come, my soul, thy self prepare,*

Alto.

Mache dich, mein \_\_\_\_ Geist, be -  
*Come, my soul, thy \_\_\_\_ self \_\_\_\_ pre -*

Tenore.

Mache dich, mein \_\_\_\_ Geist, be - reit, ma - che  
*Come, my soul, thy \_\_\_\_ self \_\_\_\_ pre - pare, come, my*

Basso.

Mache dich, mein \_\_\_\_ Geist, be - reit, ma - che dich, mein Geist, be -  
*Come, my soul, thy \_\_\_\_ self \_\_\_\_ pre - pare, come, my \_\_\_\_ soul, thy \_\_\_\_ self \_\_\_\_ pre -*

reit, mache dich, mein Geist, be.reit,  
*pare, come, my soul, thy - self pre - pare,*

dich, mein Geist, dich, mein Geist, be.reit,  
*soul, thy - self, soul, thy - self pre - pare,*

reit, mein Geist, be - reit,  
*pare, \_\_\_\_\_ mein Geist, be - reit,*

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wa - - che, fleh' und  
watch - - ing, pray - - ing,  
wa - che, fleh' \_\_\_\_\_  
watch - ing, pray - - - - -  
wa - che, fleh' und  
watch-ing, pray - ing,  
wa - che, fleh' und  
watch-ing, pray - - ing,

be - - te,  
plead - - ing,  
und be - - - - - te,  
- - - - - ing, plead - - - - -  
be - te, fleh' und be - - - - - te,  
plead - ing, pray - - ing, plead - - - - -  
be - te, fleh' und be - - - - - te,  
plead - ing, pray - - ing, plead - - - - -

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The image displays four staves of musical notation, likely for a harpsichord or organ, arranged vertically. Each staff consists of five horizontal lines. The notation is in common time and includes various note heads (solid black, open, and hollow), stems, and beams. The first three staves begin with a solid black note head, while the fourth staff begins with an open note head. Measure lines divide the staves into measures. The music is set against a white background.

**A**

dass dich nicht die bö - - - se Zeit  
lest one day the trum - - - pet's blare

dassdich nicht die bö - - - se Zeit  
lest one day the trum - - - pet's blare

dassdich nicht die bö - - - se Zeit, dass dich nicht die bö - - - se Zeit,  
lest one day the trum - - - pet's blare, lest one day the trum - - - pet's blare

**A**

Zeit, die bö - - - se Zeit  
blare, the trum - - - pet's blare

nicht,dich nicht die bö - - - se Zeit  
day, one day the trum - - - pet's blare

Zeit, die bö - - - se Zeit, die bö - - - se Zeit  
blare, the trum - - - pet's blare, the trum-pet's blare

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un - ver - hofft be -  
find thee all un -

un - ver - hofft be -  
find thee all un -

un - ver - hofft be -  
find the all un -

un - ver - hofft be -  
find the all un -

tre - - te; \_\_\_\_\_  
heed - - ing. \_\_\_\_\_

tre - - te, un-ver-hofft be - tre - -  
heed - - ing, find the all un - heed - -

tre - - te, un-ver-hofft be - tre - -  
heed - - ing, find the all un - heed - -

tre - - te, un-ver-hofft be - tre - -  
heed - - ing, find the all un - heed - -

te;  
ing.

te;  
ing.

te;  
ing.



**B**

denn es ist  
Ah, be - ware,

**B**

Sa - - - tans List  
Sa - - - tan's snare,

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ü - - ber vie - - le From - -  
let him not \_\_\_\_\_ dis - may \_\_\_\_\_

ü-ber vie - le From - -  
let him not dis - may \_\_\_\_\_

ü-ber vie - le From - men, ü-ber vie - - le  
let him not dis - may thee, let him not \_\_\_\_\_ dis -

ü-ber vie - le  
let him not dis -

men \_\_\_\_\_  
thee, \_\_\_\_\_

- men, über vie - le From - men  
— thee, let him not dis - may \_\_\_\_\_ thee,

From - - - - men  
may \_\_\_\_\_ thee,

From - men, über viele From - men  
may thee, let him not dis - may \_\_\_\_\_ thee,

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The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for voices (Soprano and Alto/Tenor) and the bottom two are for basso continuo (Bassoon and Organ). The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal parts in both German and English. The vocal parts enter at different times, with the basso continuo providing harmonic support throughout.

zur Ver - zur Ver - zur Ver - zur Ver -  
lest his - su - chung kom - men,  
lest his - guile be - tray thee,  
lest his - guile be -  
zur Ver - zur Ver - zur Ver -  
lest his - su - chung  
zur Ver - zur Ver - zur Ver -  
lest his - guile be -  
zur Ver -  
lest his -

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su - - chung kom - - - men.  
 guile be - tray thee.

zur\_ Ver\_ su\_ - chung kom  
 lest his\_ guile be - tray

kom - - men, zur\_ Ver\_ su\_ - - chung kom  
 tray thee, leat\_ his\_ guile be - tray

su - - chung, zur\_ Ver\_ su\_ - - chung kom - -  
 guile be - tray, his\_ guile be - tray

men.  
 thee.

men.  
 thee.

men.  
 thee.

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The image displays six staves of musical notation, likely for a harpsichord or organ, arranged vertically. The notation is in common time and consists of six measures per staff. The top two staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle two staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (G#). The bottom two staves begin with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measures 1-2: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measures 3-4: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measures 5-6: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Bass staff has eighth-note pairs.

**Aria.**Adagio. ( $\text{J} = 80$ )

The musical score consists of five systems of music. The top system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment in G major. The vocal line starts with eighth-note chords and moves to a melodic line with grace notes. The piano accompaniment features sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Subsequent systems show the continuation of the melodic line and harmonic progression. Dynamic markings include forte (f), piano (p), trill (tr), mezzo-forte (mfp), and crescendo (cresc.). The vocal line ends with a melodic flourish.

**Alto.**

Ach, schlaf-ri-ge See-le,- wie? wie?  
Ah, slumb-er-ing spir-it,- why? Why?  
ach, schlaf-ri-ge See-le,- wie?  
Ah, slumb-er-ing spir-it,- why?

The musical score consists of two systems of music for the alto voice. The vocal line continues the melodic line from the Aria section, with dynamic markings like pp (pianissimo) and tr (trill). The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

ru-hest du noch? ach, schläf-ri-ge See-le, wie? ru-hest du noch? wie? wie?  
tar - ri - est thou? Ah, slumb-er-ing spir-it, why tar - ri - est thou? Why? Why?

wie? ru - hest du \_\_ noch? ach, schläf-ri-ge See-le, wie? ru - hest du  
Why tar - ri - est \_\_ thou? Ah, slumb - er-ing spir - it, why tar - ri - est

noch? Er-mun - tre dich doch, er - mun - tre dich doch, er -  
thou? Be - stir thy-self now, be - stir thy-self now, be -

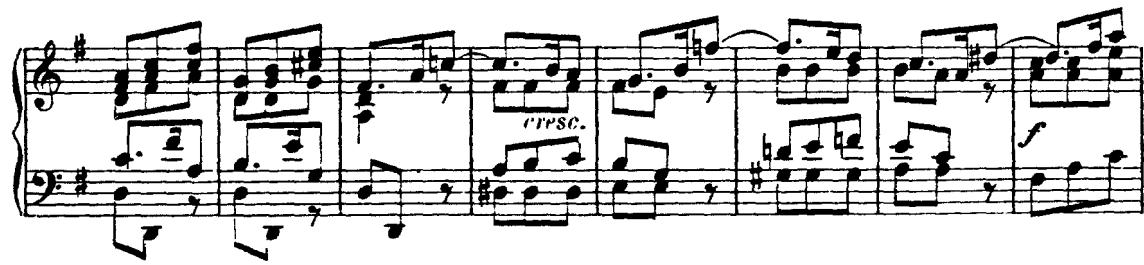
mun - tre dich doch!  
stir thy - self now!

Ach, schläfri-ge Seele, wie? ru - hest du  
Ah, slumb - er-ing spir-it, - why tar - ri - est

noch? wie? ru-hest du noch?  
thou? Why tar-ri-est thou?

Er - mun - tre dich doch. ermun -  
Be - stir thy - self now, be-stir -

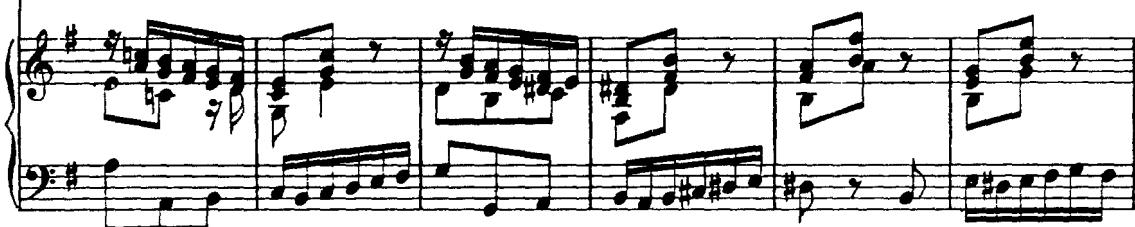
- tre dich doch, er - mun - tre dich doch!  
— thy-self now, be - stir thy-self now, be-stir - thy-self - now!

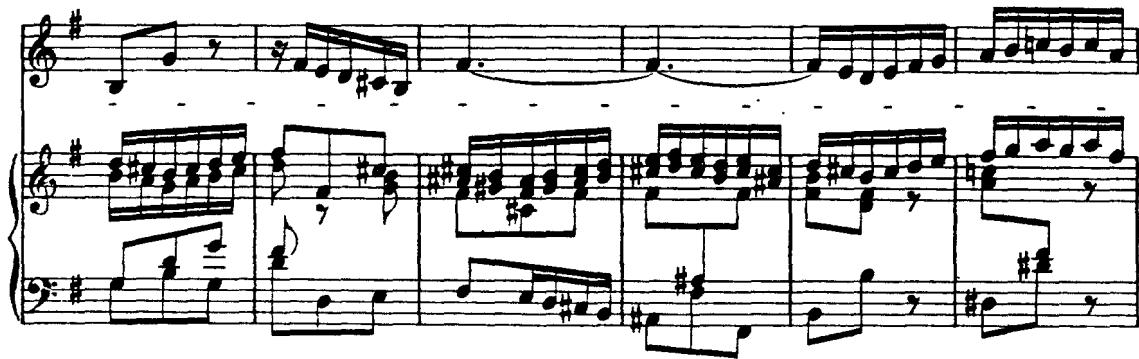
Allegro. ( $\text{d} = 60$ )

Es möch-te\_ die Stra-fe dich plötz-lich er-  
Lest pun - ish - ment come of a sud - den to -



wek-ken und, wo du\_nicht wachest, und, wo du\_nicht wa -  
wake thee and, dur-ing\_thy\_slumb-er, and, dur-ing\_thy\_slumb -





## Adagio. (Tempo I.)

chest,  
er,

im Schla - fe des e - wi - gen  
the an - gel of death, un - a -

A musical score page featuring lyrics in German. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The music consists of two staves, with the top staff continuing from the previous page. The vocal line includes eighth and sixteenth notes, and the piano accompaniment features sustained chords and rhythmic patterns.

To - des be - dek - - - - - ken, im Schla - fe des  
ware, o - ver take thee, the an - gel of

A musical score page featuring lyrics in German. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The music consists of two staves, with the top staff continuing from the previous page. The vocal line includes eighth and sixteenth notes, and the piano accompaniment features sustained chords and rhythmic patterns.

e - wi - gen To - - - - - des be - dek - - - - - ken.  
death un - a - ware o - ver - take thee.

Da Capo.

A musical score page featuring lyrics in German. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The music consists of two staves, with the top staff continuing from the previous page. The vocal line includes eighth and sixteenth notes, and the piano accompaniment features sustained chords and rhythmic patterns. The page concludes with the instruction "Da Capo."

**Recitativo.**  
Basso.

Gott, so für dei - ne See - le wacht,  
God, who is watch-ing us so well,  
hat Abscheu an der Sünden  
ab - hors the ways of sin and

Nacht; er sendet dir sein Gna - den - licht  
hell; and thru His grace our souls up - lifts.  
und will für die - se -  
The on - ly com - pen -

Gaben, die er so reichlich dir verspricht, nur off'ne Geistesau - gen haben.  
sa - tion He asks for His a - bun-dant gifts is in our spir-it's con - se - cra-tion.

Des Satans  
The de - vil's

List ist oh - ne Grund, die Sünder zu be - strik - ken, brichst du nun selbst den Gnaden -  
guile is o - cean deep, in sin would he en - snare us, and if the faith we fail to

bund, wirst du die Hilfe nie er-blicken.  
*keep, un-fit for grace will God de-clare us.*

Die ganze Welt und ih-re Glieder sind  
*Tho' vain the world andd all its fash-ions, our*

nichts als falsche Brüder; doch macht dein Fleisch und Bluthierbeisich lauter Schmeichelei.  
*flesh and mor-tal pas-sions, yet we of earth are well con-tent to heed their blan-dish-ment.*

**Aria.****Molto adagio. ( $\text{♩} = 60$ )**

*Basso p*

*Soprano.*

Be - - - te,      be - - - - te,  
*Pray*      *ye,*      *pray*      *ye,*

be - - - te a - ber auch da - bei,  
*pray* \_\_\_\_\_ *ye, - ev - er* *watch and* *pray,*

be - - - te a - ber auch da -  
*pray* \_\_\_\_\_ *ye, - ev - er* *watch and*

bei,      be - - - - te,      be - - - - te,  
*pray*,      *pray*      *ye,*      *pray*      *ye,*

be - - - te, be - - - te a - ber auch da - bei mit - ten  
*pray ye, pray ye, ev - er watch and pray, pray ye*

in dem Wa - - chen, mit - ten in dem Wa - - chen.  
*with-out ceas - - ing, pray ye - with - out ceas - - ing.*

Bit - - - te, bit - - -  
*Beg ye, beg*

- - - te, bit - - - bei der grossen Schuld,  
*ye, beg ye that the judge will view,*

bit - - - te;      bit - -  
beg                ye,      beg \_\_\_\_\_

- - te,      bit - te bei der grossen Schuld dei - nen Richter um Ge  
— ye,      beg — ye that the judge will view pa - tient - ly the wrongs we

duld, dei - nen Richter um Ge - duld, soll er dich — von Sünden frei und gerei -  
do, pa - tient - ly the wrongs we do, — all our sins — will wash a - way, make us clean —

nigt ma - chen, von Sünden frei und gerei - nigt, und gereinigt ma - chen.  
and spot - less, wash clean our sins, pu - ri - fy — us, make us clean and spot - less.

Da Capo.

**Recitativo.**  
Tenore.

Er sehnet sich nach unserm Schreien, er neigt sein gnädig Ohr hier.  
*The Lord will hear the faith-ful call - ing, and hith - er turn His gra-cious*

auf; wenn Feinde sich auf unsren Schaden freu-en, so siegen wir in sei-ner  
*ear. When foes re - joice at ills to us be - fall - ing, with His sup - port we've naught to*

Arioso.  
( $\text{d} = 56$ .)

Kraft: in-dem sein Sohn, in-dem wir be-ten, uns Muth und Kräfte schafft, und will als  
*fear. For hope and strength do we be-seech Him, we know that prayer sin - cere thru His be -*

Hel-fer zu uns tre - - - - - ten.  
*lov-ed Son will reach - - - - - Him.*

**Choral.** (Mel: „Straf' mich nicht in deinem Zorn!“)

Soprano.

Drum so lasst uns im - mer - dar  
weil die Angst, Noth und Ge - fahr  
Bear we then, our woes and cares  
lest the day come, un - a - wares

wa - chen, fle - hen, be - - - - ten;  
im - mer nä - her tre - - - - ten;  
pen - i - tent and fear - - - - ing;  
which is ev - er near - - - - ing;

Alto.

Drum so lasst uns im - mer - dar  
weil die Angst, Noth und Ge - fahr  
Bear we then, our woes and cares  
lest the day come, un - a - wares

wa - chen, fle - hen, be - - - - ten;  
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pen - i - tent and fear - - - - ing;  
which is ev - er near - - - - ing;

Tenore.

Drum so lasst uns im - mer - dar  
weil die Angst, Noth und Ge - fahr  
Bear we then, our woes and cares  
lest the day come, un - a - wares

wa - chen, fle - hen, be - - - - ten;  
im - mer nä - her tre - - - - ten;  
pen - i - tent and fear - - - - ing;  
which is ev - er near - - - - ing;

Basso.

Drum so\_ lasst uns im - mer - dar  
weil die Angst, Noth und Ge - fahr  
Bear we then, our woes and cares  
lest the day come, un - a - wares

wa - chen, fle - hen, be - - - - ten;  
im - mer nä - her tre - - - - ten;  
pen - i - tent and fear - - - - ing;  
which is ev - er near - - - - ing;

denn die Zeit ist nicht weit, wo uns Gott wird rich - ten und die Welt ver - nich - ten.  
watch and pray; comes the day when the whole world crash - es in - to dust and ash - es.

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