

Bass

Cathedral

J.S. Bach

St John Passion

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BWV 245

PART 1

J.S. BACH
(1685-1750)

1. Chorus

♩ = 80 (in 4)

Cello

*tr**p* Double Bass

5

9

cresc. poco a poco

13

sempre cresc.

17

(Choral entry)

21

*f**dim.*

25

*mp**cresc.**mf*

29

cresc.

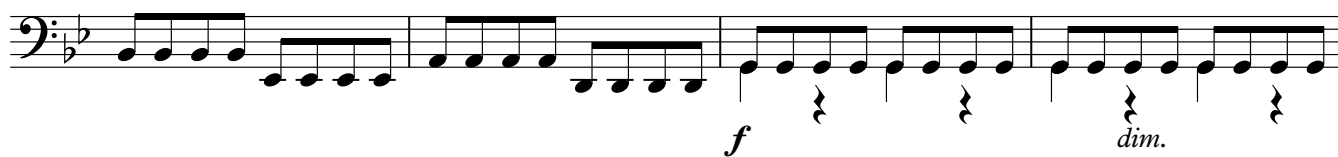
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*unison**dim.*

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*mf**cresc.*

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46



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54



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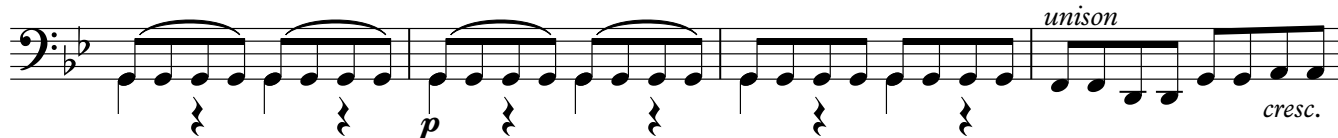
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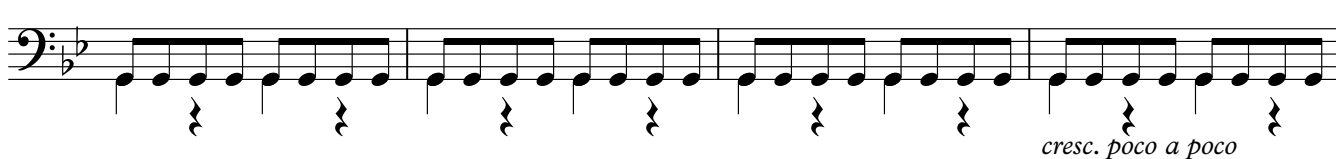
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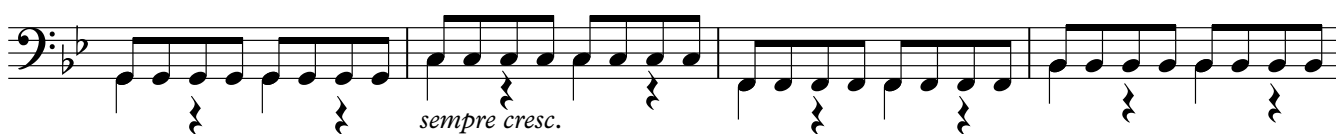
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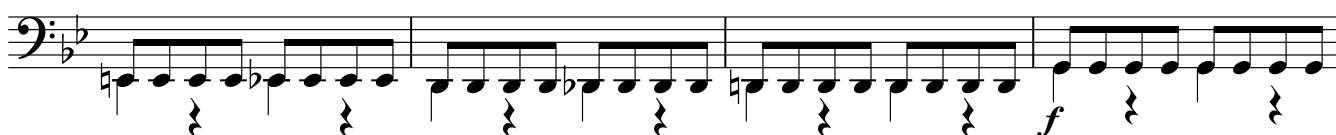


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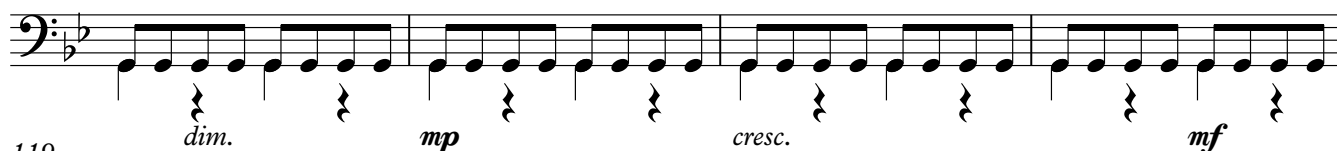


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(Choral entry)



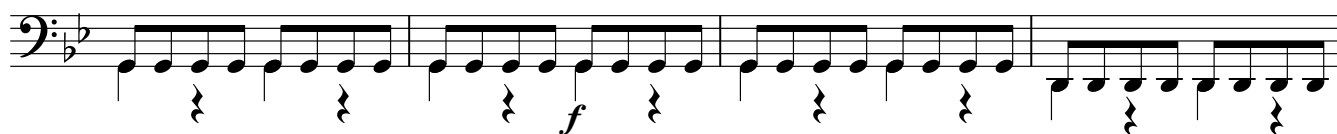
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133



137



141



145



149



151



1 **2. Recit** **13**

Je - sus, know-ing all things that were to come up - on Him, He went

16

forth and said un - to them: Whom seek ye? And they ans - wered

18 **3. Chorus** ♩ = 95 (in 4)

Him:

1 **4. Recit** **5**

soon then as He had said: "I am He," they_ went_ back-ward and

8

fell to the ground. Then asked He them a se-cond time: Whom seek ye? A - gain they

1 **5. Chorus** ♩ = 95 (in 4)

answered

1 **6. Recit**

Je-sus ans-weredthem: I told you but now, I am He. If ye seek for Me, let these men go their way!

7. Chorale

6

8. Recit TACET (ends: "the cup which now my Father hath given me.")

9. Chorale



10. Recit TACET (ends: "that one man should die for the people.")

11. Alto Aria ♩ = 70 (in 3)

1 + bass & ad lib bassoon

6 - bass (bsn)

11

17 + bass (bsn)

23

29

35 *+ bass (bsn)*
f

40

46 *- bass (bsn)*
p

52

57

62 *+ bass (bsn)*
f

68 *- bass (bsn)*
p

73 *p*

78 *+ bass (bsn)*
f

84 *- bass (bsn)*
p

89

95

101 (rall. . .) + bass (bsn) *f*

107

111

12. Recit TACET (Simon Peter followed Jesus afar off, with another disciple.)

13. Soprano Aria ♩ = 110

+ bass & ad lib bassoon

f

11 - bass (bsn) *p* *f*

21 - bass (bsn) *p*

31 + bass (bsn) *f*

42 - bass (bsn) *p*

52

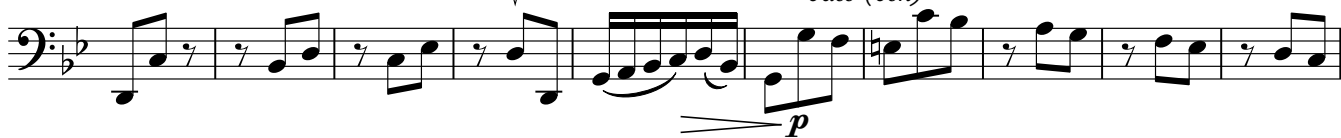
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+ bass (bsn)



74

- bass (bsn)



84



95



106

(rall . . .)

+ bass (bsn)



117

- bass (bsn)

+ bass (bsn)



127



138



148

colla voce



156

a tempo + bass (bsn)



14. Recit TACET (ends: "if I have spoken well, why smitest thou me?")

15. Chorale

15. Chorale

Measures 1-22. The score is in bass clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music features various dynamics: *f* (forte) at measure 1 and *p* (piano) at measure 12. There are several accents marked with a 'V' above the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line at measure 22.

16. Recit

Measures 1-4. The score is in treble clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The lyrics are: "Now an - nas sent Him bound un - to the oth - er High Priest, Cai - a - phas. Si - mon Pe - ter stood and warmed him self. Then said they un - to".

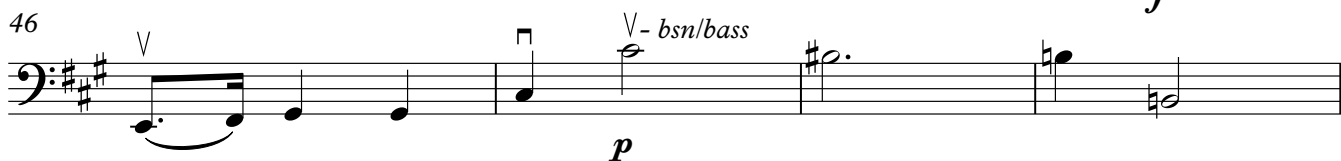
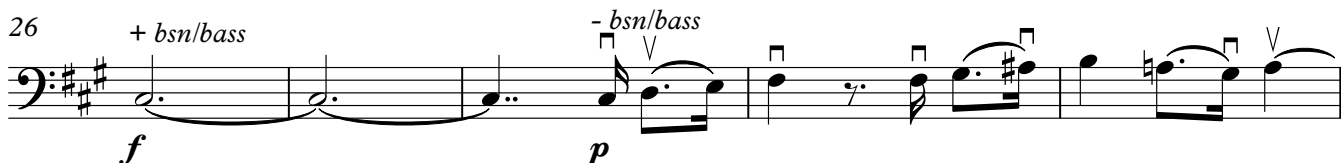
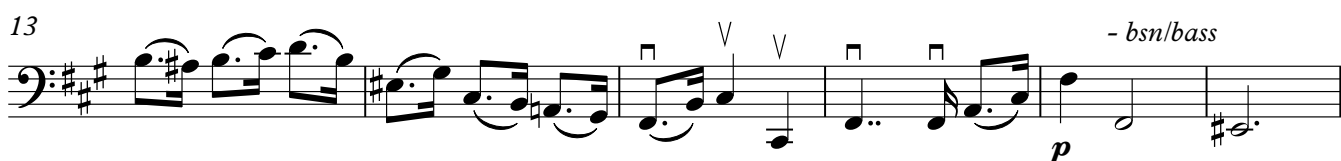
17. Chorus

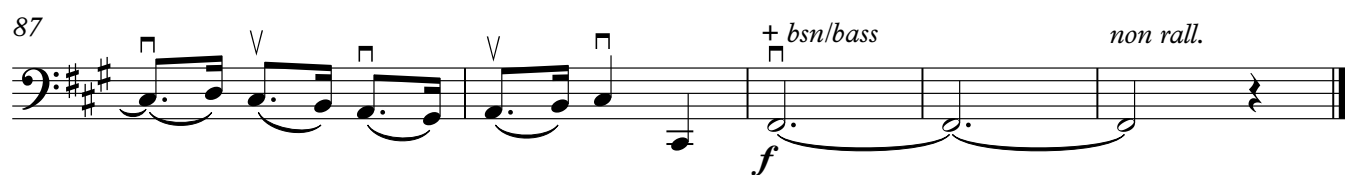
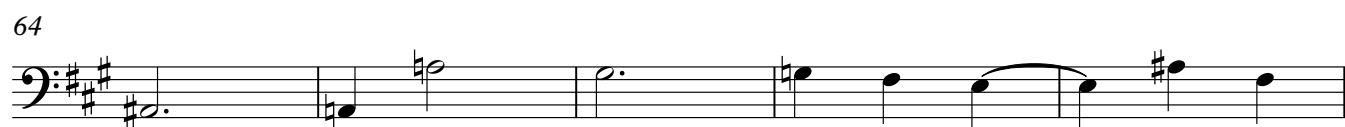
Measures 1-13. The score is in treble clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The tempo is marked $\text{♩} = 60 \text{ (in 2)}$. The lyrics are: "him:". The music features dynamics *mf* (mezzo-forte) at measure 1 and *f* (forte) at measure 13. There is a crescendo marking (*cresc.*) at measure 7. The piece concludes with a double bar line at measure 13.

18. Recit TACET (ends: "and he went out and wept bitterly.")

19. Tenor Aria

1 ♩ = 100 (in 3)





PART 2

21. Chorale

1 *f* *p*

7 *cresc.*

13

22. Recit

1 8

ac - cu - sa - tion bring ye now a - gainst this man? And they an - swered and said un - to

23. Chorus

1 $\text{♩} = 90 \text{ (in 4)}$
+ bsn/bass

Him: *f* *tr*

6 - bsn/bass + bsn/bass

11

16

21

25

1 24. Recit



Him ac - cor - ding to your law. The Jews there-fore said un - to

25. Chorus

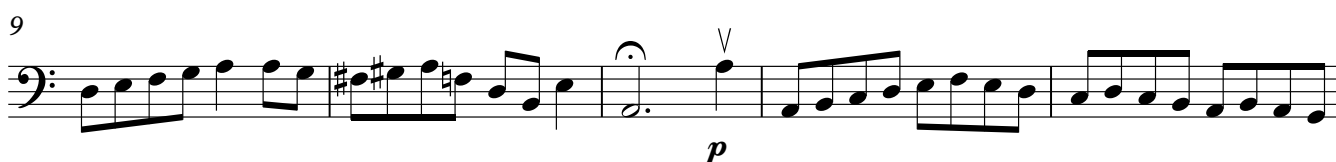
♩ = 90 (in 4)

Him: + bsn/bass 1



26. Recit TACET (ends: "but now is my Kingdom not from hence.")

27. Chorale



1 28. Recit

17



the King of the Jews? Then cried they all with one a-cord, say-ing:

1 29. Chorus

+ bsn/bass

♩ = 90 (in 4)



30. Recit TACET (ends: "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged Him.")

31. Arioso Adagio ♩ = 70 (in 8)

1 Cello 1 pizz. *mp*

Cello 2 pizz. *p*

+ Bass & "bassono grosso, pianissimo"

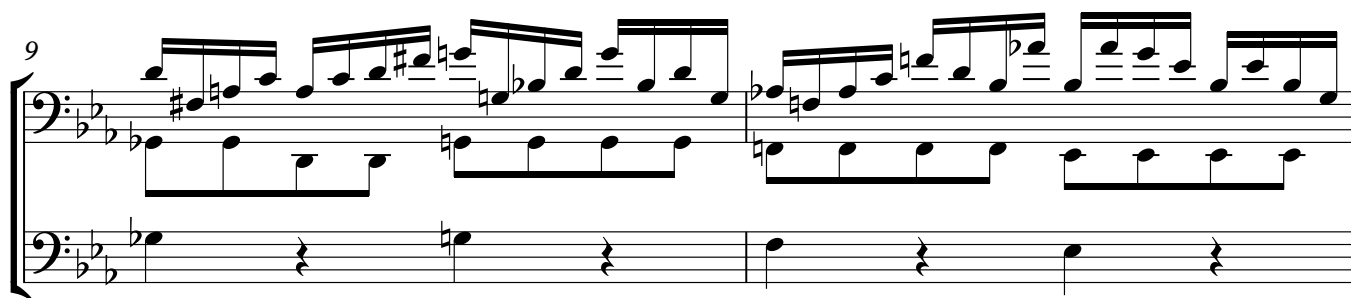
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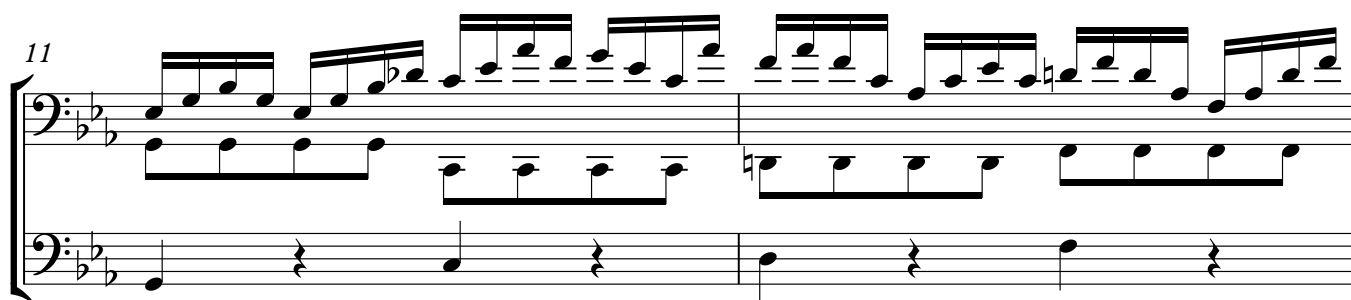
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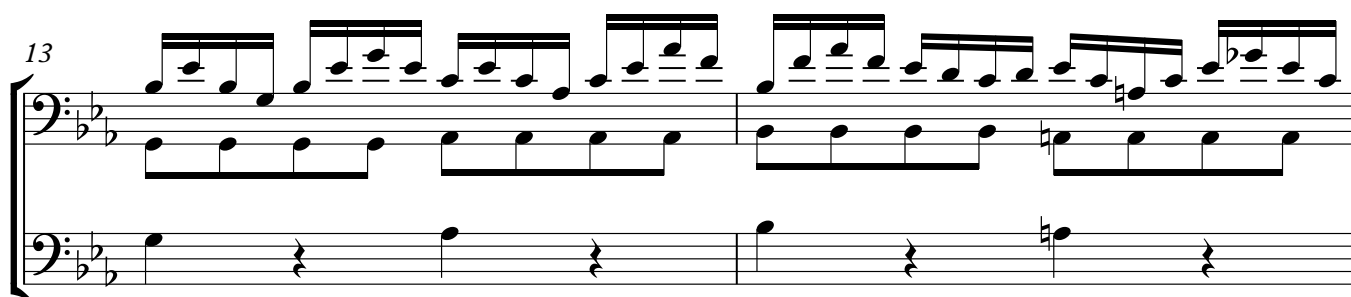
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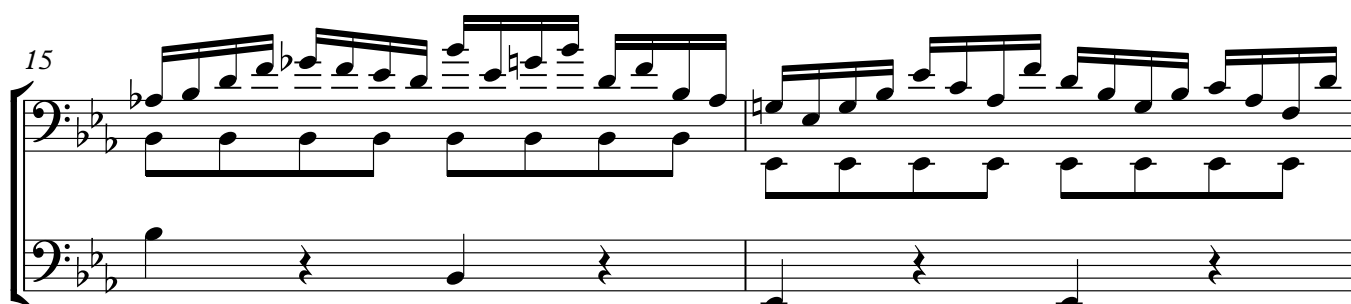
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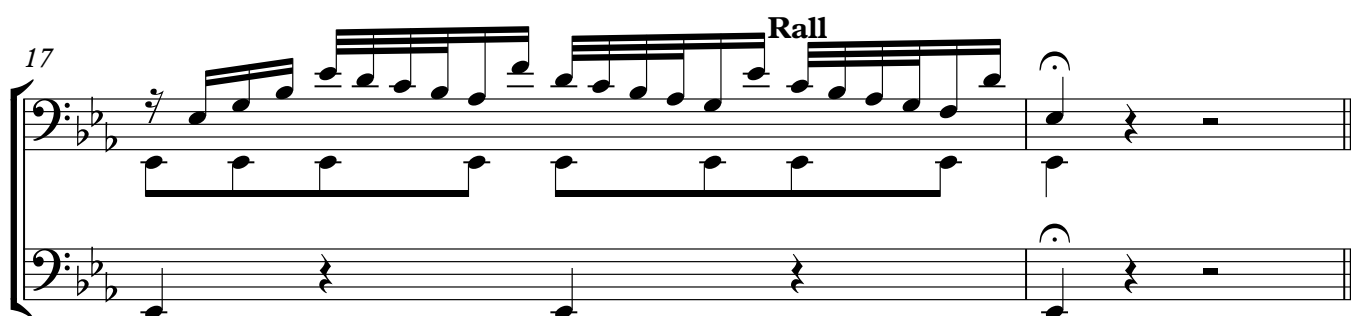


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Rall



32. Tenor Aria

1 Optional Viola da Gamba or Cello solo
arco

f

3

5

7

9

11

13

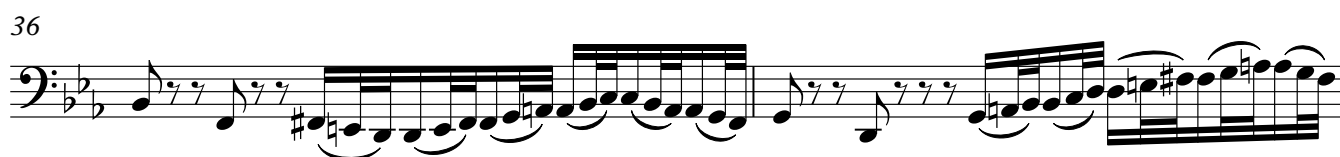
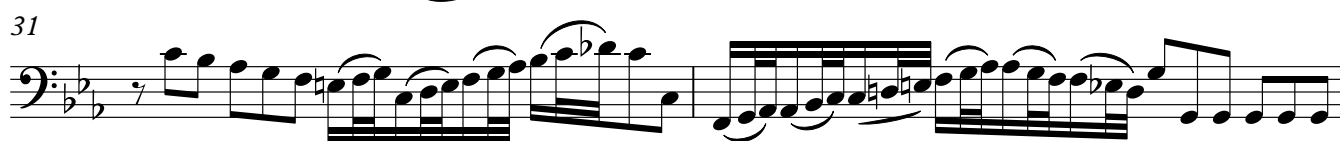
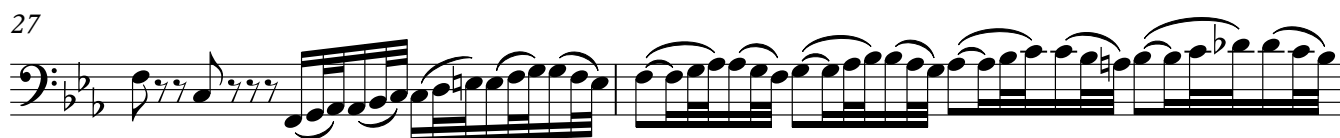
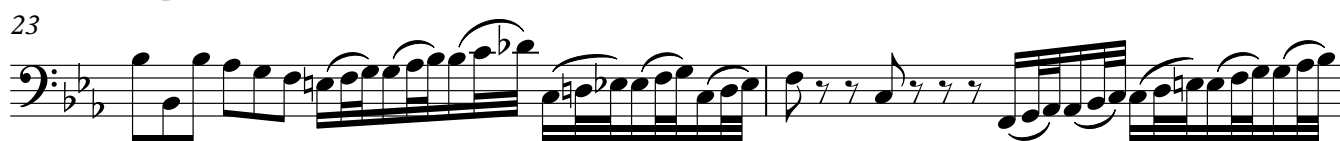
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This musical score is for a Tenor Aria, measures 1 through 20. It is written for a Viola da Gamba or Cello solo, indicated by the 'arco' instruction. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 12/8. The piece begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The notation is in bass clef and features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together in groups. There are several slurs and ties throughout the piece, indicating phrasing and melodic lines. The measures are numbered 1 through 20 at the beginning of each line of music.

22 **Fine****DA CAPO**

33. Recit



put it up-on His head, and put on Him a pur-ple robe and said:

34. Chorus ♩ = 110 (in 6)



35. Recit



when the Chief Priests and the of - fi-cers saw Him, they all— cried out

36. Chorus ♩ = 80 (in 4)



1 **37. Recit** 3

I find no fault in Him at all.—

The Jews there-fore an-swered him:

38. Chorus
♩ = 85 (in 4)

1 + bsn/bass

6 *mf*

12 *f*

17

23

28

31 *cresc.*

39. Recit TACET (ends: "and from thenceforward Pilate sought that he might release Him.")

40. Chorale

1 + bsn/bass

6 *f* *p* *mf*

9

41. Recit

1



42. Chorus

1

♩ = 85 (in 4)

(Bass)

+ bsn/bass



5



11



17



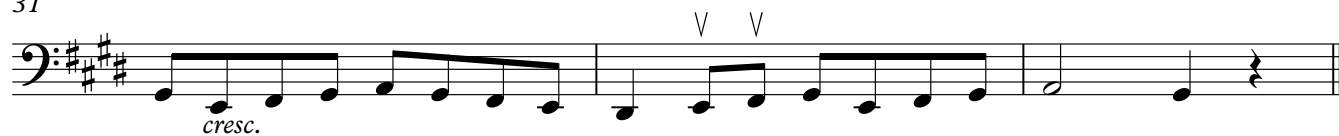
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31



1 **43. Recit** 8



Be-hold! Be-hold your_ King!_ But they cried

44. Chorus ♩ = 85 (in 4)
+ bsn/bass



out: *f*

5

10

14

18

22

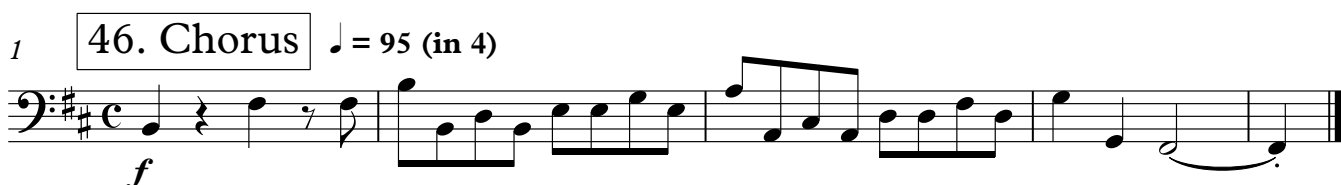
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1 **45. Recit**



Shall I cru - ci - fy your King then? The Chief Priests an-swered and said to him

1 **46. Chorus** ♩ = 95 (in 4)



f

47. Recit TACET (ends: "which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha.")

48. Bass Aria ♩ = 125 (in 3)

1 + "bassono grosso" & optional bass

2

f

10 - bsn/bass

p

21

29

38

47

56 + bsn/bass

f

66

75 - bsn/bass

p

83

The musical score is written for Bassoon and Continuo. It begins with a measure rest for two measures, then enters with a forte (f) dynamic. The melody is characterized by slurs and ties, with a change to piano (p) at measure 10. The score includes several measures of rests for the Bassoon/Bass (bsn/bass) at measures 10, 29, 38, 47, 56, 66, 75, and 83. The piece concludes with a forte (f) dynamic at measure 83.

91

101

p

111

f + bsn/bass

121

p - bsn/bass

132

141

150

159

168

Grave **A tempo**

177

f + bsn/bass

183

non rit.

1 **49. Recit** **16**

Then said the Chief Priests of the Jews un-to Pi-late:

50. Chorus ♩ = 110 (in 6)

+ bsn/bass

f

51. Recit TACET (ends: "I have written.")

52. Chorale (transposed from original Eb for unison singing by all)

1 **53. Recit** **5**

Now the coat was with-out a seam, and from the top was

wo - ven through and through. They said there-fore one to an - oth - er:

1 **54. Chorus** ♩ = 96 (in 3)

p

9

13

17

20

24

28

32

35

39

43

47

50

cresc.

f

55. Recit TACET (ends: "Then saith he to the disciple - Behold, behold thy mother.")

56. Chorale

1 + bsn/bass

7

12

57. Recit TACET (ends: "Then saith he to the disciple - Behold, behold thy mother.")

58. Alto Aria **Molto Adagio** ♩ = 47 (in 8)

1 Cello solo
mp continuo cello / bass
mp - bsn till bar 21

3

5

7

9

mp

11

p

14

mp

16

mp

18

mp

20

Vivace ♩ = 90 (in 3) + bass/bsn (Cello solo optional tacet)

Lion of Ju-dah fought the

f *p* *f*

24

p *f* *p*

29

f *p*

34

f *p*

38

rall. Adagio

Cello solo

f "It is ful - lled." *mp*

p

41

p

43

p

1

59. Recit

And bow - ing His head, He gave up the ghost.

1

60. Bass Aria & Chorale ♩. = 60 (in 4)

Solo Cello

spiccato

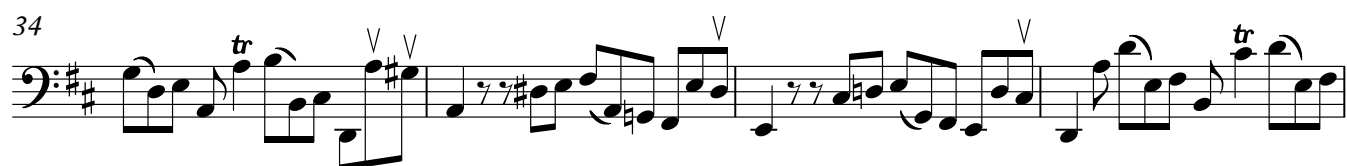
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4

f

8

p



61. Recit

- bsn/bass And then be-hold, the veil of the Tem - ple was rent in___ twain, e'en

3

from the top un-to___ the bot - tom. And the earth and the rocks did quake and were rent a -

(continuo cello) (+ optional Bass)

5

-sun-der, and the graves were op-ened up, and and there a-rose ma-ny bo-dies of the Ho - ly Ones.

62. Tenor Arioso **Molto Adagio** ♩ = 60 (in 8)

1
8
My heart, see how the world it-self is suff-ring while our Lord is dy-ing: the sun e-clipsed: its light___ de -
-ny - ing; the veil is torn, the rocks are rent, the earth doth quake, the dead are
- bassoon
p

5
8
ris - ing, to view their Ma - ker life - less ly - ing; and as for thee, what wilt thou do?

7
8
rit. **Adagio** ♩ = 80 (in 16)

The musical score is written for Tenor Arioso, Vc. & B., and Continuo. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) is in G major, common time, and is marked 'Molto Adagio' (♩ = 60 in 8). The tenor line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes. The bassoon line begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, and then a series of eighth notes. The second system (measures 5-6) continues the tenor line and adds a continuo line. The third system (measures 7-8) is marked 'rit.' and 'Adagio' (♩ = 80 in 16). The tenor line ends with a double bar line. The bassoon and continuo lines continue with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

63. Soprano Aria

Molt' adagio ♩ = 75 (in 3)

(optional Bassoon & Bass)

mf "senza Bassono grosso"

8

13

23

29

36

43

50

56

63

70

f

p

rall.

colla voce

a tempo

f

78 *rall.*

84 *colla voce* *a tempo*

91

101

108

115

121 *colla voce* *a tempo*

64. Recit TACET (ends: "and they shall look on him whom they have pierced.")

65. Chorale

1 + bsn/bass

7

12

66. Recit TACET (ends: "therein then laid they Jesus,
for the Jewish Preparation Day, because the tomb was nigh at hand.")

67. Chorus ♩ = 90 (in 3)

+ bass/bsn

p

9

17

cresc.

24

dim.

32

p

40

- bassoon

+ bassoon

cresc.

dim.

48

p

57

- bassoon

p

65

cresc.

dim.

+ bassoon

p

73

cresc.

dim.

p

cresc.

dim.

81 *cresc.*

88 *dim.*

96 *p*

104 - bassoon + bassoon *cresc.* *dim.*

112 *V - bassoon* 3 *dim.*

122 + bassoon *p*

130 *cresc.*

138 *dim.* *p*

146 - bassoon

154 + bassoon *cresc.* *dim.* *p*

162

168

68. Chorale

1 + bsn/bass
f

6 *p*

11 *mf*

16 *cresc.* *f*

20

23

27 *rall.*

The musical score is written in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat major) and a common time signature (C). The piece is titled '68. Chorale'. The score is divided into seven staves, each starting with a measure number. The first staff begins with a forte (f) dynamic and includes the instruction '+ bsn/bass'. The second staff starts with a piano (p) dynamic. The third staff begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The fourth staff includes a crescendo (cresc.) marking and ends with a forte (f) dynamic. The fifth staff continues the melody. The sixth staff continues the melody. The seventh staff ends with a rallentando (rall.) marking and a final chord.