

J.S. Bach
Cantata No. 137
Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren

Vers 1. Coro.

(Allegro moderato $\text{♩} = 92$.)

The musical score consists of five systems of music, each with two staves: treble and bass. The key signature changes from G major (no sharps or flats) to A major (one sharp) at the beginning of the third system. The time signature is common time throughout. The vocal parts are represented by eighth and sixteenth note patterns, primarily using quarter notes as the primary beat unit. The bass part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The score is divided into systems by vertical bar lines and measures by horizontal bar lines. The vocal parts are grouped by a brace on the left side of the page.

A (NB. Der Cantus firmus: „Lobe den Herren“ im Sopran.)

Soprano.

Alto.

Tenore.

Basso.

A

Eh - - - ren, lo - - - be, lo - - -
alt - - - ed, praise _____ the, praise _____
lo - - - beden Herren, den mächtigen König der Eh - - -
praise _____ the Al-migh - ty, our King and our Rul - er ex - alt - - -
Lo - - - be, lo - - - be den
Praise _____ ye, praise _____ ye Al -

Lo - be den Her - ren, den mächt - ti - gen
 Praise ye Al - migh - ty God, King and our
 be, lo - be den Her - ren, den mächtigen König, den mächt -
 the, praise the Al - migh - ty, our King and our Rul - er, our King
 ren, lo - be den Her - ren, den mächtigen König, den mächt -
 ed, praise the Al - migh - ty, our King and our Rul - er, our King
 Herren, den mächtigen König der Eh - ren, lo - be den Her - ren, den mächt -
 migh - ty God, King and our Rul - er ex - alt - ed, praise ye Al - migh - ty God, King

Kö - nig der Eh - ren,
 Rul - er ex - alt - ed,
 - - - ti - gen König der Eh - ren,
 - - - and our Rul - er ex - alt - ed,
 - - - ti - gen König der Eh - ren,
 - - - and our Rul - er ex - alt - ed,
 - - - ti - gen Kö - nig der Eh - ren,
 - - - and our Rul - er ex - alt - ed,

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The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first three systems are instrumental parts (two oboes, bassoon, and strings) shown in treble and bass staves. The fourth system is the vocal part for soprano, also in treble and bass staves. The vocal part includes lyrics in German and English. The lyrics are:

mei - - - ne ge - lie - - - be.te Seele, das ist mein Be . geh -
it _____ is a good - - - ly thing, prais-es to sing to the High -

mei - - - ne ge -
it _____ is a

Below the vocal part, there is a dynamic marking *mf* and a letter **B**.

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ren, mei - ne See - le, mein See -
est, to the High est, to the High -
lie - be.te Seele, das ist mein Be.geh -
good - ly thing, praises to sing to the High -
mei - ne ge.lie - be.te
it is a good - ly thing,

mei - ne ge - lie - be - te
it is a good - ly thing,
- le, mein See - - le, das ist mein Be -
- est, to the High - - est, to sing to the
ren, ge - lie - be.te See - le, das ist mein Be -
est, to sing to the High - est, to sing to the
See - le, das ist mein Be.geh - - ren, mein ge.lie - be - te
prais - es to sing to the High - - est, prais - es to sing to the

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See - - - le, das ist mein Be - geh - - -
 prais - - - es to sing to the High - - -
 gehren,das ist mein Be.geh - - - ren.das ist mein Begeh - - -
 High.est, to sing to the High - - - est, to sing to the High - - -
 gehren,das ist mein Be.geh - - - ren.das ist mein Begeh - - -
 High.est, to sing to the High - - - est, to sing to the High - - -
 See.le, das ist mein Be.geh - - - ren, mein Be - geh - - -
 High.est, to sing to the High - - - est, to the High - - -

ren.
 est.

ren.
 est.

ren.
 est.

ren.
 est.

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C

Kom - met zu Hauf,
Strike strong the strings,

Kom - met zu Hauf,
Strike strong the strings,

Kom - met zu Hauf,
Strike strong the strings,

Kom - met zu Hauf,
Strike strong the strings,

C

The vocal part (Soprano) begins with the lyrics "Kom - met zu Hauf," followed by three repetitions of "Strike strong the strings." The basso continuo part consists of two staves: a treble staff with a soprano line and a bass staff with a basso continuo line. Both staves show continuous bass lines with quarter notes and eighth-note patterns.

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Psal - ter und Har - fen, wacht auf!
 Psal - ter and harp to His praise,

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The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The top four staves are vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics in both German and English. The bottom four staves are instrumental parts (two violins, cello/bassoon, bassoon/timpani) in D major, 2/4 time. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note figures.

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D

las - set die
mu - sic and

las - set die Mu - sicam hö - - - ren, lasset die Mu - sicam
mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing, mu - sic and songs of Thanks-

Mu - sicam hö - - - ren, las - set die Mu - sicam hö - - -
songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing, mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - -

hö - - - ren, las - set die Mu - sicam hö - - - ren, die Mu - sicam
giv - - - ing, mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing, and songs of Thanks-

las - set die Mu - sicam hö - - -
mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - -

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las - set die Mu - si.cam hö - - - ren!
mu - sic and songs of Thanks - giv - - - ing.
ren, las - set die Mu.sicam hö - - - ren!
ing, mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing.
hören, lasset die Mu.sicam hö - - - ren, die Musicam hö - - - ren!
giv - ing, mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing, and songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing.
ren, las - set die Mu.sicam hö - - - ren!
ing, mu - sic and songs of Thanks-giv - - - ing.

Vers 2. Aria.

(Andante con moto $\text{♩} = 66$)

Dal Segno.

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The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top two staves represent the piano accompaniment, showing bass and treble clef staves with various note heads and rests. The third staff is for the Alto voice, indicated by the text "Alto." above the staff and a vocal line with lyrics. The fourth staff is for the Bass voice, indicated by a bass clef and a vocal line with lyrics. The fifth staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, divided by vertical bar lines corresponding to the measures. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal parts enter at different times, with the Alto starting first and the Bass joining later.

Alto.

Lo - be den Her - ren, der
Praise - ye the Lord, who so

Al - les so herr - lich re -
mighty ly rules all cre -

gie - ret,
a tion,

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The musical score consists of five staves of music, likely for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass). The music is in common time and includes lyrics in both German and English.

Staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The bassoon part begins with a series of eighth-note chords.

Staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The bassoon part continues with eighth-note chords. The instruction "L. H." appears above the staff.

Staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The bassoon part continues with eighth-note chords.

Staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are shown below the staff: "der on dich ea - auf gle's A pin de - lers He". The bassoon part continues with eighth-note chords.

Staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are shown below the staff: "Fit leads ti - gen si - cher ge - us for our pre - ger". The bassoon part continues with eighth-note chords.

Staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are shown below the staff: "füh - ret, tion. va". The bassoon part continues with eighth-note chords.

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The musical score consists of six staves of music, likely for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass). The music is in common time and major key.

Staff 1 (Soprano): The soprano part features a continuous eighth-note pattern in the upper voice, while the basso continuo provides harmonic support below.

Staff 2 (Alto): The alto part follows a similar eighth-note pattern, maintaining a steady harmonic foundation.

Staff 3 (Bass): The basso continuo part provides harmonic support, with bass notes and occasional chords.

Staff 4: The soprano and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. The lyrics are partially visible: "der Our dich Cham er pion".

Staff 5: The soprano and alto voices continue their eighth-note patterns. The lyrics are: "der Our dich Cham er pion".

Staff 6: The soprano and alto voices sing eighth-note patterns. The lyrics are: "hält, He, L.H.".

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wie
ev - - - es er dir He sel harks ber
to - - - ge - - -
our - - -

fällt;
plea;

mf

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The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff features a soprano vocal line with lyrics in German and English. The second staff contains a basso continuo line with sustained notes and chords. The third staff shows a basso continuo line with more dynamic activity. The fourth staff continues the basso continuo line. The fifth staff concludes the section with a basso continuo line.

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hast du nicht die - ses ver -
praise Him in deep ad - o

p

spü - ret?
ra - tion.

mf

Vers 3. Duetto.

(Moderato $\text{♩} = 88$)

Dal Segno.

Soprano.

Lo - be den Her - ren, der künstlich und fein - dich be -
Praise the Al - might - y who fair in His im - age did -

Basso.
Lo - be den Her - ren, der künstlich und fein dich be - rei - tet,
Praise the Al - might - y who fair in His im - age did make us,

p

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff features a soprano vocal line with basso continuo harmonic support. The middle staff features a basso continuo line. The bottom staff features a basso continuo line.

Top Staff (Soprano and Basso Continuo):

- Text: rei - tet, lo - be den Herrn, _____ lo - be den Herrn, _____
- Text: make us, praise ye the Lord, _____ praise ye the Lord, _____
- Text: lo - be den Herrn, _____ lo - be den Herrn, lo - _____
- Text: praise ye the Lord, _____ praise ye the Lord, praise _____

Middle Staff (Basso Continuo):

- Text: Herrn, lo - be den Herrn, lo - be den Herrn, der künst - lich und fein _____
- Text: Lord, praise ye the Lord, praise ye the Lord, who fair in His im -
- Text: - be den Herrn, der künstlich und _____
- Text: ye - the Lord, who fair in His _____

Bottom Staff (Basso Continuo):

- Text: dich be - rei - tet, _____
- Text: age did make us, _____
- Text: fein - dich be - rei - tet, _____
- Text: im - age did - make us, _____

Performance Instructions:

- Trills are indicated above certain notes in the soprano and basso continuo parts.
- A dynamic marking "mf" (mezzo-forte) is placed below the basso continuo staff.

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der dir Ge - sundheit ver - lie - hen, dich freundlich ge -
who gave us health, He our friend who will nev - er for -

derdir Ge - sund - heit ver - liehen,dichfreund -
who gave us health, He our friend who will nev -

lei - - tet, dich freundlich ge - lei - - - -
sake us, will nev - er for - sake -

- lich ge - lei - - tet, dich freundlich ge - lei - - - -
er for - sake us, will nev - er for - sake -

tet, dich
us, nev -

tet,freund
us, nev -

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freund - lich ge - lei - - tet;
er will for sake us;

- lich ge lei - - - tet;
- er for - sake us;

in wie - viel
to our_ dire -

in wie - viel Noth,
to our_ dire_ need,

Noth, in wie - viel Noth
need, to our_ dire - need

— in wie - viel Noth
— to our_ dire - need

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hat nicht der gnä - di - ge Gott ü - ber dir Flü - gel ge -
gra - cious God ev - er gives heed, un - der His wings will He

hat nicht der gnä - di - ge Gott ü - ber dir
gra - cious God ev - er gives heed, un - der His

brei - tet, der gnä - di - ge Gott über dir Flü - gel ge -
take us, God ev - er gives heed, un - der His wings will He

Flü - gel ge - brei - tet, der gnä - di - ge Gott
wings will He take us, God ev - er gives heed,

brei - - - - - tet, ü - ber
take us, - un - der

über dir Flü - gel ge - brei - - - - - tet, über dir
un - der His wings will He take us, un - der His

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dir Flü - gel ge - brei - tet;
His wings will He take us;

Flü - gel ge - brei - tet;
wings will He take us;

in wie - viel Noth, wie - viel
to our_ dire need, our dire

in wie - viel Noth,
to our_ dire need,

Noth, wie - viel Noth, wie - viel Noth
need, our dire need, our dire need

in wie - viel Noth, wie - viel
to our_ dire need, our dire

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff features a soprano vocal line, the middle staff an alto vocal line, and the bottom staff a basso continuo line. The lyrics are written in both German and English, providing a side-by-side comparison. The vocal parts are accompanied by a harpsichord or organ, indicated by the continuo bass line.

Top Staff (Soprano):

- Text: Noth, wie - viel need, our dire Noth need hat nicht der gra - cious God gnä - di - ge Gott ü - ber heed, un - der -
- Text: hat nicht der gra - cious God ev - er gives

Middle Staff (Alto):

- Text: Gott ü - ber dir heed, un - der His Flü - gel ge - brei - tet, der gü - ti - ge He ev - er gives
- Text: dir Flü - gel ge - brei - tet, der gü - ti - ge Gott
- Text: His wings will He take us, He ev - er gives heed,

Bottom Staff (Basso Continuo):

- Text: Gott heed, dir Flügel gebrei - to Him will He take
- Text: dir Flügel gebrei - to Him will He take

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- tet, ü-ber dir Flü - - gel ge-breit - tet!
us, un-der His wings will He take us.

- tet, ü-ber dir Flü - gel ge - brei - tet!
us, un-der His wings will He take us.

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Vers 4. Aria.

(Tempo giusto $\text{♩} = 72$)

Dal Segno.

Tenore.

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Lo - be, lo - be den
Praise - ye, praise ye the

Her - ren, Lord God, praise - - - be ye den - the

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The image displays four staves of musical notation from J.S. Bach's Church Cantata BWV 137. The notation is in common time, featuring soprano, alto, tenor, and basso continuo parts. The lyrics are written in both German and English. The first staff shows the soprano part with lyrics "Her-ren, der dei-nen Stand sicht". The second staff shows the alto part with lyrics "Lord, God, who hath so man-i-bar-ly". The third staff shows the tenor part with lyrics "fest-ly seg-blessed". The fourth staff shows the basso continuo part with lyrics "net, der dei-nen Stand sicht bar-". The fifth staff continues with lyrics "us, who hath so man-i-bar-fest-". The sixth staff concludes with lyrics "ge-seg-ly blessed net, us.". The notation includes various musical markings such as dynamic changes (mf) and performance instructions.

Her-ren, der dei-nen Stand sicht

Lord, God, who hath so man-i-bar-ly

fest-ly seg-blessed

net, der dei-nen Stand sicht bar-

us, who hath so man-i-bar-fest-

ge-seg-ly blessed net, us.

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The musical score consists of four staves of music, likely for a soprano or alto voice, accompanied by a harpsichord or organ. The lyrics are written in both German and English below the notes.

Staff 1:

der aus dem Himmel,
who from His Heav en,

der aus dem
who from His

Staff 2:

Him mel, aus dem Him mel mit Strö
Heav en, from His Heav en with show

Staff 3:

- men der Lie - be - ge - reg -
- ers of love - has - pos - sessed -

Staff 4:

- - net, - mit -
- us, - with -

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Strö - men der Lie - be ge - reg - net;
show - ers of love hath re - freshed us;

den - ke d'ran, was der All
pon - der thus how Might - y

mäch - ti - ge kann, den - ke d'ran, den
God aid eth us, pon der thus, pon

- ke, den - ke d'ran, den - ke, den
- der, pon - der thus, pon - der, pon

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The musical score consists of four staves of music, likely for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Bass) with continuo basso. The lyrics are provided in both German and English.

Top Staff:

- Text: - ke diran, was der All - mächt - - - - -
- der thus, how Mighty God

Second Staff:

- Text: - ti - ge, was der All - mächt - - ti - ge kann,
- aid - eth, how Might - y God aid - eth us,

Third Staff:

- Text: - - - - -

Fourth Staff:

- Text: der think dir how mit His Lie - be - be pos - geg - - - - -

Lie - be, mit Lie - be be - geg - net.
 love - has, His love - has pos - sessed - us.

mf

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Dal Segno.

Vers 5. Choral. (Mel: „Lobe den Herren“)

Soprano.

Lo-be den Her-ren, was in mir ist, lo-be den Na-men!
Al-les, was O-dem hat, lo-be mit A-braham's Sa-men!
Praise ye Al-might-y God, rev-er-ent bow ye be-fore Him!
All breath-ing crea-tures for grace and for mer-cy im-plore Him!

Alto.

Lo-be den Her-ren, was in mir ist, lo-be den Na-men!
Al-les, was O-dem hat, lo-be mit A-braham's Sa-men!
Praise ye Al-might-y God, rev-er-ent bow ye be-fore Him!
All breath-ing crea-tures for grace and for mer-cy im-plore Him!

Tenore.

Lo-be den Her-ren, was in mir ist, lo-be den Na-men!
Al-les, was O-dem hat, lo-be mit A-braham's Sa-men!
Praise ye Al-might-y God, rev-er-ent bow ye be-fore Him!
All breath-ing crea-tures for grace and for mer-cy im-plore Him!

Basso.

Lo-be den Her-ren, was in mir ist, lo-be den Na-men!
Al-les, was O-dem hat, lo-be mit A-braham's Sa-men!
Praise ye Al-might-y God, rev-er-ent bow ye be-fore Him!
All breath-ing crea-tures for grace and for mer-cy im-plore Him!

Er ist dein Licht, Seele, ver-giss es ja nicht; Lobende, schliesse mit A-men!
He is the Light, come all ye faithful, u-nite, worship Him, praise and a-dore Him!

Er ist dein Licht, Seele, ver-giss es ja nicht; Lobende, schliesse mit A-men!
He is the Light, come all ye faithful, u-nite, worship Him, praise and a-dore Him!

Er ist dein Licht, Seele, ver-giss es ja nicht; Lobende, schliesse mit A-men!
He is the Light, come all ye faithful, u-nite, worship Him, praise and a-dore Him!

Er ist dein Licht, Seele, ver-giss es ja nicht; Lobende, schliesse mit A-men!
He is the Light, come all ye faithful, u-nite, worship Him, praise and a-dore Him!