

Dedicated to Eugene Hoossens.

J. S. Bach

Organ Choral Preludes

ARRANGED FOR

Pianoforte

BY

William Murdoch

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BOOK II.

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| 3. AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH. | OUT OF THE DEEP I CALL. |
| 4. VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN. | I WILL GIVE THEE FAREWELL. |

BOOK III.

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| 1. ICH RUF' ZU DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST. | I CALL ON THEE, LORD JESUS CHRIST. |
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| 3. JESU, MEINE FREUDE. | JESUS, MY JOY. |
| 4. IN DULCE JUBILO. | IN DULCE JUBILO. |

BOOK IV.

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| 1. ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH' SEI EHR. | HONOUR TO GOD ON HIGH ALONE. |
| 2. KOMMST DU NUN, JESU, VOM HIMMEL HERUNTER. | THOU COMEST NOW, JESUS, DOWN FROM HEAVEN. |
| 3. HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND'. | JESUS CHRIST, UNTO US TURN. |
| 4. MEINE SEELE ERHEBT DEN HERREN. | MY SOUL EXALTETH THE LORD. |

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PREFACE

The Choral Preludes of J. S. Bach, of which there are nearly 150, are full of poetic beauty, and rich in fantasy and musical feeling, yet are almost unknown to the great majority of the music-loving public. I have been prompted to arrange sixteen of them for the Pianoforte to try to awaken a greater interest in their loveliness.

They are seldom performed on the Organ, for what reason I cannot say; and this fact was undoubtedly the cause of Mr. Ernest Newman writing in his preface to the Novello edition of the "Orgelbüchlein," that "of all Bach's works the Choral Preludes are the least known, even to Organists."

The Preludes I have chosen are from the various published sets, and to achieve a good performance the student should find out the source of each one, as Bach has a different mode of writing in each of these sets. For this reason I have not given in detail the source of every Chorale, for I think a greater understanding of their history and beauty will be revealed, if sufficient interest is taken to discover their origin, and the incentive which caused Bach to arrange so many of them.

I have tried to be as faithful as is possible to the originals, doubling the bass to imitate the deeper sonority of the lower organ notes, and sometimes doubling the Chorale itself to make it sound either clearer or stronger. The pedalling I have left to the player's discretion, for this reflects his own art; only occasionally I have marked particular effects which I think should be produced. Bach rarely indicated a *tempo*, so the *tempos* marked at the head of each Prelude are merely to suggest the mood.

WILLIAM MURDOCH.

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ORGAN CHORAL PRELUDES. DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE.

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(LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER.)

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J. S. BACH.

Semplice.

PIANO. *p*

il basso egualmente e legato

cresc.

mf

dim.

* The small note is for the repeat. The repeat is optional.
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The musical score consists of five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The second system includes a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking. The third system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The fourth system includes a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking. The fifth system begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes. Slurs and ties are used throughout the piece.

Musical notation for a piano piece, consisting of five systems of staves. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piece begins with a *dim.* marking and a *p* (piano) dynamic. It features several trills and slurs. A *cresc.* (crescendo) marking appears in the fourth system, followed by a *f* (forte) dynamic. The fifth system includes the instruction *quasi senza rall.* and ends with *dim. al fine*. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

HEARTILY DO I LONG

(HERZLICH THUT MICH VERLANGEN.)

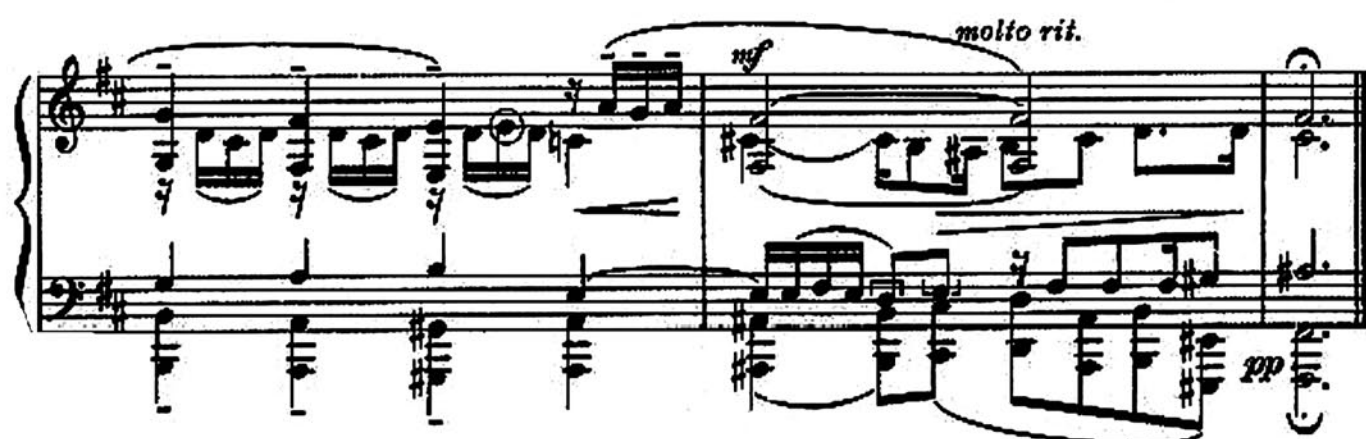
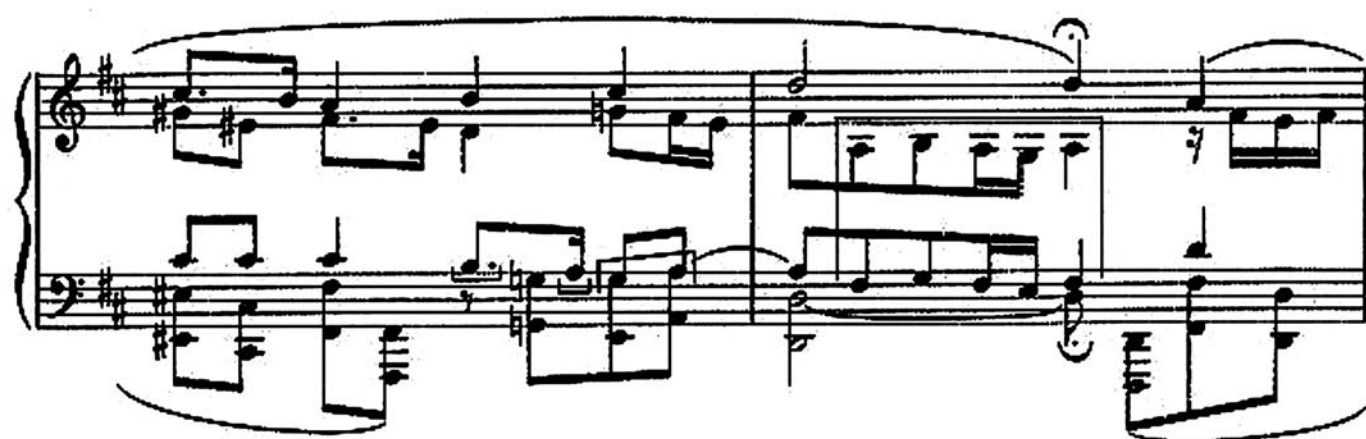
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Adagio mesto, e sempre legatissimo.

J. S. BACH.

PIANO.

The musical score is written for piano and consists of four systems of music. The first system is marked 'PIANO.' and 'mf'. The second system is marked 'cresc.'. The third system is marked 'p'. The fourth system is marked 'cresc.'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass staves, notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The tempo is 'Adagio mesto, e sempre legatissimo.' and the composer is J.S. BACH. The arranger is William Murdoch.



JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR.

(JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND.)

Arr. by William Murdoch.

J. S. BACH.

Andante non troppo e legatissimo.

PIANO.

pp



Choral



* The ringed note is not meant to be struck again, in order not to interfere with the tone of the Choral note before it.
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First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. Bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The system concludes with a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic marking.

Second system of musical notation. Treble staff begins with a Choral *mf* dynamic. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is present. Bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Third system of musical notation. Treble staff begins with a *calando* marking. Bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The system concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking.

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. The system concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking.

Fifth system of musical notation. Treble staff begins with a Choral *f* dynamic. Bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The system concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking.

dim. poco rall. pp p

mf p R.H. mf f

Grandioso Choral

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A FORTRESS STRONG IS OUR GOD.

(EIN FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT.)

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J. S. BACH.

Allegro molto moderato, e nobilmente.

PIANO.

mf *p* *senza Ped.*

mf *p*

mf

p *mf*

p

First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff begins with a *mf* dynamic. Bass staff has fingerings 6, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5. Treble staff has a *cresc.* marking. Both staves end with a fermata.

Second system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a *calando* marking. Bass staff has a *L.H.* marking. Both staves end with a fermata.

Third system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff begins with a *pp* dynamic. Bass staff has a *pp* dynamic. Treble staff has a *poco cresc.* marking. Both staves end with a fermata.

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a *p* dynamic. Bass staff has a *p* dynamic. Treble staff has a *R.H.* marking. Bass staff has a *L.H.* marking. Both staves end with a fermata.

Fifth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a *p* dynamic. Bass staff has a *mf* dynamic. Treble staff has a *Choral* marking. Bass staff has a *L.H.* marking. Both staves end with a fermata.

5 4 3 2 1

dim.

f Choral

dim.

cresc.

* The editor has lowered this half of the Choral phrase an octave. If the player wishes he can play it an octave higher.

The musical score consists of five systems of staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

- System 1:** Starts with a *cresc.* marking. The right hand features a series of chords and arpeggios, with fingerings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 indicated. The left hand provides a steady accompaniment.
- System 2:** The right hand continues with arpeggiated figures. Dynamics include *mf* and *cresc.*. The instruction *senza Ped.* (without pedal) is written below the staff.
- System 3:** Labeled *Choral* with a double bar line and a star symbol. The right hand has a melodic line with a *f* dynamic. The left hand is marked *mf L.H.*. There are star symbols below the staff.
- System 4:** Continues the choral texture with arpeggiated patterns in both hands.
- System 5:** The right hand has a melodic line with a *cresc.* marking. The left hand has a steady accompaniment. The instruction *allargando* (ritardando) is written below the staff.

a tempo

mf cresc. molto

senza Ped.

Choral Grandioso

allargando

ff

molto allargando

L.H. L.H.

R.H.

fff

f a tempo

cresc.

molto riten.

R.H.

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