

J.S. Bach

Cantata No. 55

Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht

1. (Aria)

Fl. trav.
Ob. d'amore
Viol. I/II
Continuo

Musical score for the first aria, section 1. The score consists of four staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It features woodwind entries: Flute trav., Oboe d'amore, and Violin I/II. The second staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The third staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The fourth staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The vocal line begins with a melodic line in the upper register, followed by harmonic support from the continuo and woodwinds.

Continuation of the musical score for the first aria, section 1. The score continues with four staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The second staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The third staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The fourth staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The vocal line continues with a melodic line in the upper register, supported by the continuo and woodwinds.

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17 **Tenore**

8 Ich ar. mer Mensch, ich Sün.-denknecht,
Poor wretched man, a slave of sin,
ich
poor

22

8 ar - - mer Mensch, ich Sün - - den. knecht, ich Sün-den - knecht, ich
wretch - ed man, a slave _____ of sin, a slave of sin, poor

27

8 ar - mer Mensch, ich Sün - - den - knecht!
wretched man, a slave _____ of sin. -

32

Ieh ar . . . mer Mensch, ich Sünden.knecht,
Poor wretched man, a slave of sin,

37

ich ar . . . mer Mensch, ich Sün . . . den.knecht, ich Sün.den.
poor wretch . . . ed man, a slave ____ of sin, a slave of

42

knecht, ich ar . . . mer Mensch, ich Sün . . . den.knecht, ich geh' vor
sin, poor wretched man, a slave ____ of sin, be - fore God's

47

8 Got - tes An - ge - sich - te mit Furcht und Zit - - - - tern
judg - ment seat I place me, with awe and tremb - - - - ling,

52

8 zum Ge. rich - te; ich ar - mer Mensch, ich Sün den knecht, ich geh' vor Got tes An ge.
fears a - base me. Poorwretched man, a slave of sin, be - fore God's judgment seat I

(Cembalo)

57

8 sich.te mit Furcht und Zit tern zum Ge rich - - - - te.
place me, with awe - and tremb ling fears a - base - - - - me.

62

67

Tenore

Er ist ge-
Un_just, can

72

recht, ich un - ge - recht,
I His ju - stice win?

er ist ge - recht, ich un - ge.
Un_just, can I His ju - stice

77

recht,
win?

ich ar . amer Mensch, ich Sün . den knecht,
Poor wretched man, a slave of sin,

82

ich ar . amer Mensch, ich Sün . den knecht,
poor wretched man, a slave of sin, *ich poor*

87

ar . amer Mensch, ieh Sün . den knecht, ich Sün . den knecht, ich
wretch . ed man, a slave _____ of sin, a slave of sin, poor

92

ar - mer Mensch, ich Sün - den.knecht! Er ist ge - recht, ich un - ge - recht,
wretched man, a slave of sin. Unjust, can I His ju_stice win?

97

er ist ge - recht, ich un - ge - recht,
Un.just, can I His ju_stice win? ich
Poor

102

ar - mer Mensch, ich Sün - den.knecht.
wretched man, a slave of sin.

107

recht, ich ar. mer Mensch, ich Sünden.knecht,
ich ar. mer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht, ich
win? Poor wretched man, a slave of sin, poor wretched man, a slave of sin, a

112

Sün - den.knecht,
slave____ of sin,
ieh ar - mer Mensch, ich Sünden.
poor wretched man,— a slave of

117

knecht, ich ar - - - - mer Mensch, ich Sün - den - knecht!
sin, poor wretch - - - ed man,— a slave - of - sin.—

Dal Segno

2. Recitativo

Tenore

8 Ich ha - be wi - der Gott ge - han - delt, und bin dem sel - ben
I have a - gainst the just God o - ffen - ded and from the path - way

Continuo

3 Pfad, den er mir vor - ge - schrie - ben hat, nicht nach - ge - wan - delt. Wo -
strayed which for me had been plan - ned and laid, nor Him at - tend - ed. Where

5 hin! soll ich der Mor - gen - rö - te Flü - gel zu mei - ner Flucht er - kie - sen, die mich zum
'scape? Shall I, the wings of morning tak - ing, to co - ward flight be - take me? or in the

7 letz - ten Mee - re wie - sen: so wird mich doch die Hand des Al - ler - höch - sten
depths of o - cean hide me? There al - so shall the hand of God Al - migh - ty

9

fin-den, und mir die Sün-den.rn-te bin-den.
find me, and for my sins chastise me just_ly.

Ach ja! Wenn gleich die Höll'ein
In truth, should hell it-self close

12

Bette für mich und mei-ne Sün-den hätte, so wä-re doch der Grimm des Höchsten da.
o'er me, still could His vengeance there o'er-take me, still thence from Him in ter-ror must I fly.

15

Die Er-de schützt mich nicht, sie droht mich Schen-sal zu ver-
The earth pro-tects me not; nay, nay, it quick-en-gulfs the

17

schlingen; und will ich mich zum Himmel schwingen, da wähnet Gott, der mir das Ur-teil spricht.
sin-ner. And if to hea-ven I should ven-ture, God dwelleth there and threatens vengeance hot.



5 Tenore

8

Er.
Have

7

8 bar - me dich, er - bar. me dich, er - bar -
mer - cy, Lord! Have mer.ccy Lord, Have mer -

10

8 me, er. bar - me dich, lab die Trä - nen dich ex - wei - chen, laß sie
- cy, have mer - - cy! Look with pi - ty on my cry - ing, let Thy

12

s dir zu Herzen reichen, er bar...

heart regard my sighing, have mercy...

14

s me, er bar me dich!

cy have mercy, Lord!

17

19

s

Er Have

21

8
bar - me_ dich, _ mer - cy, — Lord,

er - bar - . . . me, er. bar. medich,laß, um
have mer - . . . cy, have mer. cy, Lord, and for

24

8
Je - su Chri - sti wil - len, dei - nen Zorn des Ei - fers stil - len; er - . . .
Je - su's sake, Who loved me, turn Thy hea - vy an - ger from me! Have

26

8
bar - me dich, er. bar. me dich!
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord,

29

8
Laß, um Je - su Chri - sti wil - len, dei - nen Zorn des Ei - fers stil - len; er. bar - . . .
And for Je - su's sake, Who loved me, turn Thy hea - vy an - ger from me! Have mer - cy,

32

dich, er-bar-me dich, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord,

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me, er-bar-me dich!
cy, have mer-cy, Lord!

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4. Recitativo

Tenore

Viol. I/II
Va.
Continuo

8 Er - bar - me dich! Je - doch nun tröst ich mich, ich
Have mer - cy, Lord! See, hope's to me restor - ed! 'Tis

8 will nicht vor Ge - rich - te ste - hen, und lie - ber vor den Gna - den - thron zu mei - nem
not to judgment I'll be - take me, but ra - ther at God's throne of grace be - fore my

8 frommen Va - ter ge - hen. Ich halt ihm sei - nen Sohn, sein Leiden, sein Er - lö - sen
Fa - ther will I place me. There Je - su's love I'll tell, His Pas - sion, His a - tone - ment

8 vor, wie er für mei - ne Schuld be - zah - let und ge - nug ge - tan, und bitt ihn um Ge -
reare, that paid my hea - vy debt, that cleansed and can redemp - tion win. God's pa - tience will I
duld: hin - fü - ro will ichs nicht mehr - tun. So nimmt mich Gott zu Gna - den wie - der an.
beg. Hen - ceforth 'gainst Him I'll not sin, and neap - ly God to grace will take me in.

5. Choral

Soprano

Bin ich gleich von dir ge - wi - chen, stell ich mich doch wie - der ein,
Once in sin from Thee I part - ed, now I seek Thy face a - gain.

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Once in sin from Thee I part - ed, now I seek Thy face a - gain.

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Once in sin from Thee I part - ed, now I seek Thy face a - gain.

Fl. trav.
Ob.
Viol. I/II
Va.
Continuo

col' octava ad libitum

5

hat uns doch dein Sohn ver - gli - chen durch sein Angst und To - des - pain.
For Thy son, so lov - ing heart - ed, now me grace through His sore pain.

hat uns doch dein Sohn ver - gli - chen durch sein Angst und To - des - pain.
For Thy son, so lov - ing heart - ed, now me grace through His sore pain.

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hat uns doch dein Sohn ver - gli - chen durch sein Angst und To - des - pain.
For Thy son, so lov - ing heart - ed, now me grace through His sore pain.

9

Ich ver - leug - ne nicht die Schuld, a - ber dei - ne Gnad und Huld
Nought of mine the debt can pay, but God's love can sin out - weigh.

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Nought of mine the debt can pay, but God's love can sin out - weigh.

Ich - ver - leug - ne nicht die Schuld, a - ber_ dei - ne Gnad und Huld
Nought of mine the debt can pay, but God's love can sin out - weigh.

13

ist viel grō - ßer als die Sün - de, die ich stets in - mir be.fin - de.
Strong and sure if fails us ne - ver, mine it is and shall be e - ver.

ist viel grō - ßer als die Sün - de, die ich stets in - mir be - fin.de.
Strong and sure if fails us ne - ver, mine it is and shall be e - ver.

8 ist viel grō - ßer als die Sün - de, die ich stets in - mir be - fin.de.
Strong and sure if fails us ne - ver, mine it is and shall be e - ver.

ist viel grō - ßer als die Sün - de, die ich stets in - mir be - fin.de.
Strong and sure if fails us ne - ver, mine it is and shall be e - ver.