

vocal - sprechstimme

solo instruments: clarinet/flute/piccolo

pizz

piano

bass soft, airy

what do you want from me?

forty days of nothing but

pray- ing

a cello

2

*risoluto*

but man does not live by bread a- lone.

flute  
cello

gliss.

but on e- v'ry word that comes from the mouth of God

gliss.

*con forza*

cello: tremolo

flute: triplets, trills, tongue twisters, using chromatic scales

every note

4

no demanding of things our way

no rewarding power-ful friends

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no escaping human frailties

no denying we can't save us

The second system of the musical score for Cantata 22. It consists of four staves. The top staff is for the vocal line, with lyrics written below it. The bottom three staves are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics for the second system are "no escaping human frailties" and "no denying we can't save us".

no revenge for ene-mies-

no deciding facts we don't know

The third system of the musical score for Cantata 22. It consists of four staves. The top staff is for the vocal line, with lyrics written below it. The bottom three staves are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics for the third system are "no revenge for ene-mies-" and "no deciding facts we don't know".

no hiding behind our 'rightness'

no blame for errors of judgment

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The second staff is a piano accompaniment line. The third and fourth staves are additional piano accompaniment lines. The lyrics are: "no hiding behind our 'rightness'" and "no blame for errors of judgment".

no telling others what to do

no imposing rules and burdens

The second system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The second staff is a piano accompaniment line. The third and fourth staves are additional piano accompaniment lines. The lyrics are: "no telling others what to do" and "no imposing rules and burdens".

no stumbling blocks to hide mercy

no stumbling blocks to shield grace-

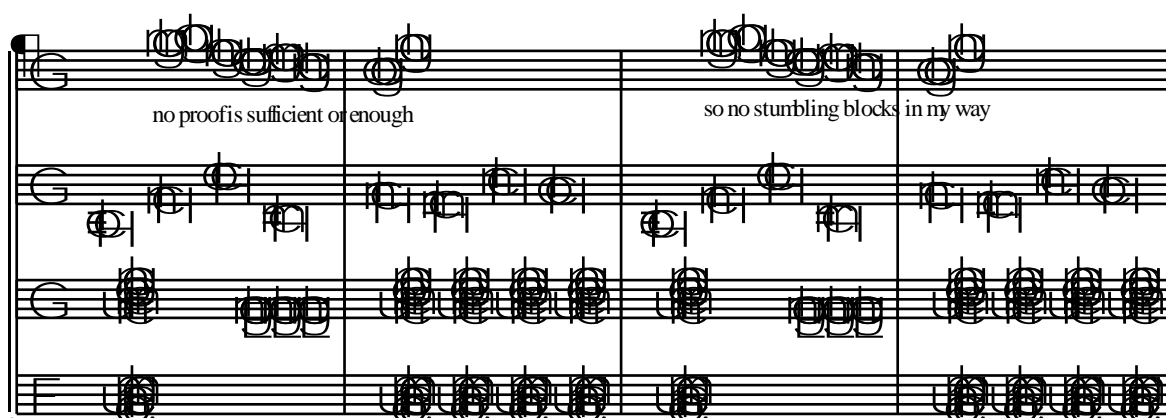
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no defending our po- sitions

no exerting force or pressure

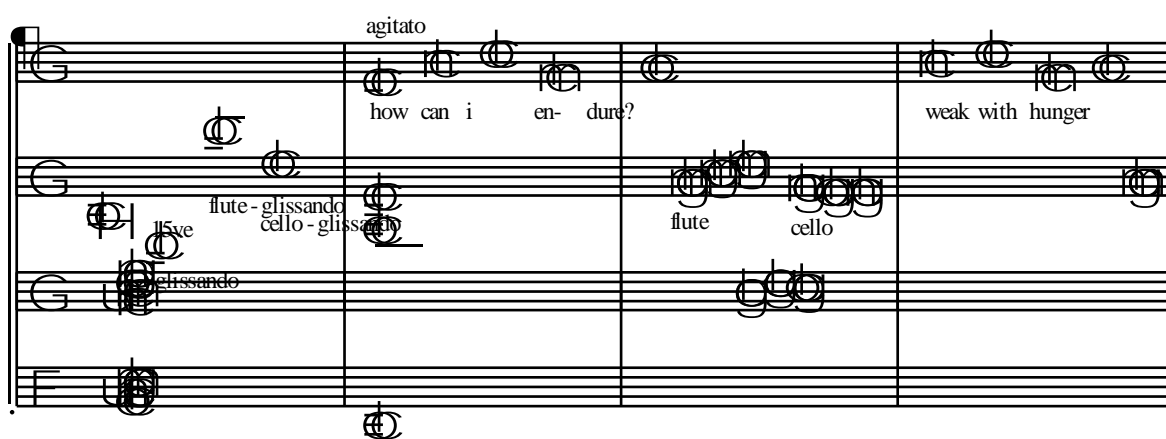
This system contains the first two measures of the musical score. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a cello line. The lyrics are "no defending our po- sitions" and "no exerting force or pressure".



no proof is sufficient or enough

so no stumbling blocks in my way

This system contains the next two measures of the musical score. The lyrics are "no proof is sufficient or enough" and "so no stumbling blocks in my way".



agitato

how can i en- dure?

weak with hunger

flute - glissando  
cello - glissando

flute  
cello

This system contains the final two measures of the musical score. The lyrics are "how can i en- dure?" and "weak with hunger". There are also instrumental markings: "agitato", "flute - glissando", "cello - glissando", "flute", and "cello".

thirsty need a drink! tired from the heat

no more trouble please i can't take it

it is just too hard hear my dis- tress



trapped in this prison who will save me?

beat-en con-stant-ly where can i hide?

can i sleep a-gain? end-less working

riots rage a- round

no- where to tum

will i un- der- stand?

please tell me why

make me pure

pat- ient and kind

truthful with love

living past death

mer-ci-ful re-joice in sorrow poor to be rich having nothing

of my own re-veal ing God's pow'r to bring honour in my dis-grace

to re-main un-known but by You Ho-ly Spi-rit come

and i will wor-ship You a-lone and bow down serving on-ly

This system contains the first four measures of the first system. It features a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a prominent bass line with octaves and chords. The vocal line is in a higher register, with notes corresponding to the lyrics.

This system contains the next four measures of the first system. The vocal line continues with notes, and the piano accompaniment maintains its rhythmic and harmonic structure. The lyrics are not present in this system.

calando

This system contains the next four measures of the first system. It features piano accompaniment for both hands. The tempo marking "calando" is present at the beginning of the system. The piano part includes a prominent bass line with octaves and chords.

School of Grace:

Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11

The temptations of Jesus summarise every temptation we have and will face.

That seems like a bold, and too general, statement, given all the various temptations we list as sins. But I'm going to stick by it.

The first temptation is seeking the things we need or think we need. This temptation grows the more things we have. In the last few days before writing this, I have been a little fearful. What if I lost the documents I've been working on if my computer crashed? What if there is some disaster in my flat, and I lose the CDs and DVDs I've accumulated? What about the books or clothes? It leaves me feeling very uneasy but, while I may be disappointed and have got over the initial shock, I would get up and begin again. I think that is true of all people. What we think we need is often found to be unnecessary, if only desirable.

The second temptation is asking God to do things that He won't do. We can put God to any test we like, as long as we are prepared to accept the answers He gives. We ponder why bad things happen to good people. Many suggestions have been given but none have ever answered the question satisfactorily. We almost expect God to do what we want Him to. We work on the principle that if A happens, B will follow. But sin doesn't work that way, so why should God?

The third temptation is seeking power. Every politician. Every business person. Every leader. All of them go in thinking that they are able to do something good for their followers, for the people they work for. They think once they have power things can be changed for the better. But the old saying is true power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. More people fall through the cracks, not because the leaders failed, but because of their inability to help large numbers of people at once. The greater the number the more people that miss out.

And there is danger once one has got to a position of power. It is at that point that one is always trying to defend what one has. That one asks God to keep them there. To endorse their policies. The trouble is God never does it. He rejects all our attempts in their futility. He strips us of power constantly. He lets us lose everything. For it is only then that we begin to actually see God. We see that the only option we have is God. We see that the only solution is forgiveness. We see that grace is all that we need. We see the power that mercy brings subtly. We see that God isn't interested in nations, empires or kingdoms. Rather He deals with one person at a time.

We are so focussed on trying not to sin, that we do the sin more often.

We are so determined to overcome our demons that we fight a losing battle.

We are so caught up in our abilities that we forget God.

We are so firm on stopping evil that we don't do good.

We can never defeat sin. We are unable to escape its presence. We can't reach perfection at any point.

Only Jesus can.

**What do You want from me?  
Forty days of nothing but praying  
Are those stones of bread? Who will feed me?  
I need food I could make myself something  
End world hunger  
But man does not live by bread alone  
But on every word that comes from the mouth  
of God**

**Put no stumbling block in my way  
No political agendas no religious paranoia  
No enforcing our beliefs  
No demanding of things our way  
No rewarding powerful friends  
No escaping human frailties  
No denying we can't save us  
No revenge for enemies  
No deciding facts we don't know  
No hiding behind our rightness  
No blame for errors of judgment  
No telling others what to do  
No imposing rules & burdens  
No stumbling blocks to hide mercy  
No stumbling blocks to shield grace  
No defending our positions  
No exerting force or pressure  
No proof is sufficient or enough  
So no stumbling blocks in my way**

**How can I endure? Weak with hunger  
Thirsty need a drink! Tired from the heat  
No more trouble please I can't take it  
It is just too hard hear my distress  
Trapped in this prison who will save me?  
Beaten constantly where can I hide?  
Can I sleep again? Endless working  
Riots rage around nowhere to turn  
Will I understand? Please tell me why  
Make me pure patient & kind  
Truthful with love living past death  
Merciful rejoice in sorrow poor to be rich  
Having nothing of my own revealing God's pow'r  
To bring honour in my disgrace  
To remain unknown but by You  
Holy Spirit come  
And I will worship You alone  
& bow down serving only You**