

J.S. Bach

St. Matthews Passion
Seven String Bass Viol

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St. Matthews Passion - Recitative - 7 String Bass Viol

The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The top staff (7-string bass viol) has note heads labeled with letters: 'o', 'd', 'd', 'd', 'd', 'd', 'd'. The bottom staff (piano) has chords labeled with letters: 'C', 'b', 'b', 'c', 'c', 'b', 'c', 'c', 'a', 'e', 'b', 'a', 'a', 'c', 'a', 'b', 'c', 'c', 'b', 'g', 'c', 'c', 'c', 'c'. Measure 10 contains a circled letter 'a' above the staff. Measure 11 contains a circled letter 'c' above the staff.

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a d c a e a a d c a e a a a c d f e i h f # c a b a d

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b ae f d f a f f e c e c a b d a b a c d b f c d c a d b

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13

a d d b c d f o f f d f b a d d c a c c e f b a b d b a b b a f

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c f o c f c f b a d d c d a a b a c a c a b a

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17

Three staves of music. The top staff has vocal parts with lyrics: 'a dca', 'c dca', 'h b h b h a', 'h f', 'f d c', 'c e a c'. The middle staff has lyrics: 'fe ba', 'f', 'e'. The bottom staff is a basso continuo staff with a treble clef, showing a continuous line of eighth notes.

19

Three staves of music. The top staff has vocal parts with lyrics: 'e f d c', 'c #c a', 'a a f', 'a'. The middle staff has lyrics: 'a d c', 'fe a a a', 'a c', 'a c'. The bottom staff is a basso continuo staff with a treble clef, showing a continuous line of eighth notes.

21

Three staves of music. The top staff has vocal parts with lyrics: 'd f e', 'f d c a d a', 'b a', 'h f'. The middle staff has lyrics: 'a', 'b a', 'f e f h f e f', 'a c f a', 'f'. The bottom staff is a basso continuo staff with a treble clef, showing a continuous line of eighth notes.

23

Three staves of music. The top staff has vocal parts with lyrics: 'd h f e f', 'c a', 'c a', 'c'. The middle staff has lyrics: 'c a c d c a c', 'b c a', 'c c a c d c a c', 'c c'. The bottom staff is a basso continuo staff with a treble clef, showing a continuous line of eighth notes.

A musical score for a string instrument, likely cello or bass, featuring four staves of music with lyrics in Latin and musical notation. The score is divided into four sections by brace lines, each starting with a measure number (25, 27, 29, 31) and ending with a repeat sign. The music consists of sixteenth-note patterns with various slurs and grace notes. The lyrics are written above the top staff in a cursive hand, using letters (a, b, c, d, f) and symbols (dotted lines). The bottom staff shows rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 31 includes a dynamic instruction "f" and a performance note "(d, 1st)" at the end.

Section 1 (Measure 25):
 Top staff: *c a c d c a c*, *c e a a d b f d b*, *d d a d b a b b a c d d*
 Bottom staff: *b b*, *c a*, *b*

Section 2 (Measure 27):
 Top staff: *d b d f d b d a*, *d c d b d f d b c d*, *a f i g f d g d d h a d b a*
 Bottom staff: *a*, *a*, *d*

Section 3 (Measure 29):
 Top staff: *b b f d b b b a b a*, *b d a*, *a b b a b*, *f d f g f d f*
 Bottom staff: *b*, *a*, *b*

Section 4 (Measure 31):
 Top staff: *d b d f d b d d b d f d b d*, *b a d b b a b d a b d b a d b*
 Bottom staff: *f*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *(d, 1st)*

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

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