

Acht kleine Choralvorspiele für Orgel oder Klavier

Eight short chorale preludes for organ or piano

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Vorwort

In dieser kleinen Sammlung finden sich insgesamt acht kleine Choralbearbeitungen, die ich meine „frühen Choralvorspiele“ nenne, weil sie zu meinen ersten ernsthaften Kompositionsversuchen zählen. „Ernsthaft“ ist allerdings nur halb ernst zu nehmen, denn alle diese Stücke entstanden, bevor ich irgendeine Art von Kompositionsunterricht hatte. Daher waren eine gründliche Korrektur und Neubearbeitung bei fast allen von ihnen nötig. Da viele der Stücke spannende Ideen aufwiesen (ohne dass ich heute wüsste, woher ich diese damals genommen habe), habe ich mich entschieden, sie neu zu bearbeiten und hier allen Interessierten zur Verfügung zu stellen. Außerdem decken die acht Stücke interessanterweise viele unterschiedliche Anlässe im Kirchenjahr ab, sodass sie zusammen als ein kleiner Zyklus präsentiert werden können.

Alle Stücke können auf der Orgel oder dem Klavier dargestellt werden. Nr. 4, 5 und 8 sind allerdings eher für die Orgel als für das Klavier gedacht, Nr. 7 wiederum für das Klavier. Die Stücke können vor allem als Choralvorspiele oder Zwischenspiele eingesetzt werden, eine Verwendung von Nr. 4 als Choralvorspiel empfiehlt sich allerdings nicht (vielmehr als Zwischenspiel). Nr. 7 sollte nicht zum eigentlichen Abendmahl gespielt werden, sondern gehört zum Sanctus.

Ich hoffe, dass diese Stücke auch in anderen Gemeinden in irgendeiner Form zur musikalischen Unterstützung des Gottesdienstes beitragen können, und entschuldige mich für alle verbleibenden Satzfehler.

Ich widme diese Sammlung meiner langjährigen Klavierlehrerin Jutta-Sabine Weber.

Preface

This small collection includes eight choral preludes which I call my “early choral preludes”, as they could be seen as my first serious attempts at composing music. However, the word “serious” is somewhat misleading here, as I composed all of these pieces before receiving any proper training in composition. Therefore, a thorough revision and correction was necessary for almost all of them. Nevertheless, the pieces show many interesting musical ideas (although I cannot tell where I got them from at the time), so I decided to re-edit them and present them here. Interestingly, the eight pieces also cover many different periods of the church year and may therefore be presented as a small musical cycle.

All pieces can be performed either on the organ or on the piano. However, no. 4, 5 and 8 are more suited for the organ than for the piano, the opposite being true of no. 7. The pieces may be used as preludes to the respective chorales (except for No. 4) or as interludes (which is the main purpose of No. 4). No. 7 should not be played during the communion itself but should supplement or replace the Sanctus-chant (the German text reads: *Let me join into the praise of your angels, my Lord, to raise my soul up to you, great king, who shall be praised and honored*).

I hope that these pieces will musically benefit church services in other church communities as well, and I apologize for any errors in the composition as well as in this English translation.

I dedicate this collection to my long-time piano teacher Jutta-Sabine Weber.

Jonathan Beyer, 13. Januar 2021/January 13th 2021, Marburg.

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¹EG = Evangelisches Gesangbuch/Evangelical hymnary: the main hymnary used by the individual *Landeskirchen* inside the confederation of evangelical churches in Germany. EG HE refers to the regional edition of the churches of Hessen-Nassau and Kurhessen-Waldeck.

1. Freu dich Erd und Sternenzelt

Choralvorspiel zu EG47

J. Beyer, op. 2,1

fröhlich, Orgel: helle Registrierung

Measures 1-9 of the Choral Prelude. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The right hand features a lively melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'fröhlich' (cheerful) and 'Orgel: helle Registrierung' (organ: bright registration).

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Measures 10-18 of the Choral Prelude. The melody continues with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes. The left hand accompaniment remains consistent with eighth notes. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'fröhlich' (cheerful) and 'Orgel: helle Registrierung' (organ: bright registration).

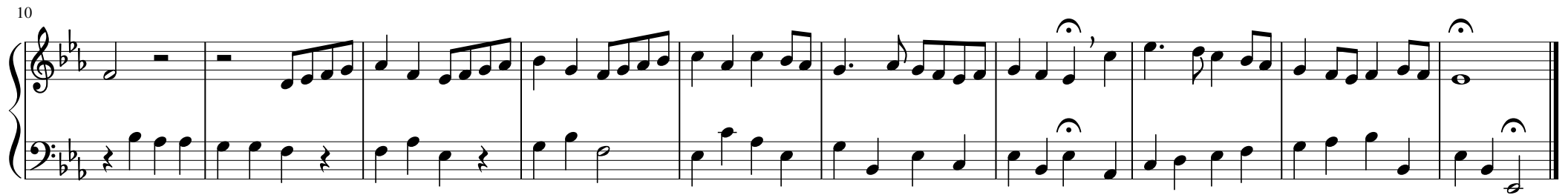
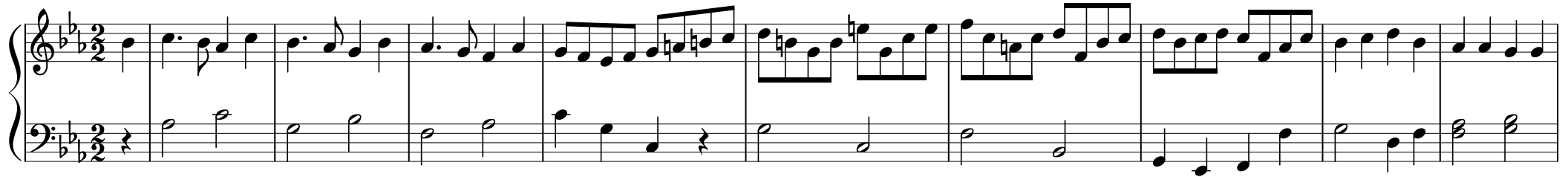
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Measures 19-27 of the Choral Prelude. The tempo is marked 'poco a poco rit.' (poco a poco ritardando). The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The left hand accompaniment remains consistent with eighth notes. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 27.

2. Der schöne Ostertag

Vorspiel zu EG 117

J. Beyer, op. 2,2



3. Zieh ein zu deinen Toren

Choralvorspiel (Bicinium) zu EG 133

J. Beyer, op. 2,3

♩ = ca. 100

Measures 1-7 of the musical score. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as ca. 100. The first system shows measures 1-7. The right hand (treble clef) starts with a half note B-flat, followed by eighth notes. The left hand (bass clef) has rests in measures 1-2, then enters in measure 3 with a half note B-flat. Dynamics include *(mp)* in measure 1 and *(f)* in measure 3. A *c.f.* (crescendo) marking is present in measure 3.

Measures 8-13 of the musical score. The right hand continues with eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The left hand has a half note B-flat in measure 8, then rests, and enters again in measure 10 with a half note B-flat. A repeat sign is present at the end of measure 13.

Measures 14-18 of the musical score. The right hand continues with eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The left hand has a half note B-flat in measure 14, then rests, and enters again in measure 16 with a half note B-flat. A repeat sign is present at the end of measure 18.

Measures 19-23 of the musical score. The right hand continues with eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The left hand has a half note B-flat in measure 19, then rests, and enters again in measure 21 with a half note B-flat. A *rit.* (ritardando) marking is present in measure 21. The piece ends with a double bar line in measure 23.

4. Brunn' allen Heils, dich ehren wir

EG 140 - Für R.

J. Beyer, op. 2,4

R: Flöte 8' Gedackt/Bourdon 8'

sempre (poco) legato, con emozione, tranquillo

14

28

+Flöte 4'

poco allegro ma non troppo

poco a poco rit.

5. Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König

Choralvorspiel zu EG 316/317

J. Beyer, op. 2,5

sempre moderato e dolce

8

rit. *rit. molto* *a tempo, rit. poco a poco*

6. Kind, du bist uns anvertraut

Choralvorspiel zu EG 577 (HHE)

J. Beyer, op. 2,6

"Leicht" spielen

c.f.

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c.f. *(Echo)* *Schnell, dann wieder verlangsamt*

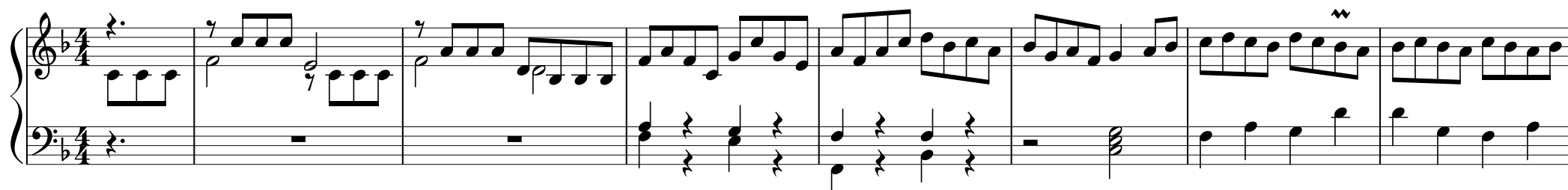
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c.f.

7. Dass du mich einstimmen lässt in deinen Jubel

Vorspiel zu EG 580 (HHE) für Klavier

Jonathan Beyer, op. 2,7



27 Choral: Dass du mich einstimmen lässt in deinen Jubel, o Herr, ...

Musical score for measures 27-35. The piece is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody in the right hand features eighth-note patterns and rests, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. Measure 35 ends with a fermata over a whole note chord.

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Musical score for measures 36-44. The melody continues with eighth-note patterns. Measure 38 includes a trill (wavy line) over a note. Measure 40 is marked with the instruction *p, poco a poco rit.*. The piece concludes in measure 44 with a final chord and a fermata.

8. Verzage nicht, du Häuflein klein/Kommt her zu mir, ...

Kleine Partita über EG 249/363

J. Beyer, op. 2, 8

Partita 1

R: Flöten 8' 4' oder ähnlich

Partita 1, measures 1-7. The music is in G major and 3/4 time. The right hand features a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and rests.

Partita 1, measures 8-13. The melody continues with various ornaments (wavy lines) and a fermata in measure 13. The left hand accompaniment remains consistent.

Partita 2

R: Starke Stimmen

Partita 2, measures 14-22. The right hand features a more complex melody with triplets and ornaments. The left hand accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines.

Adagio

con fantasia

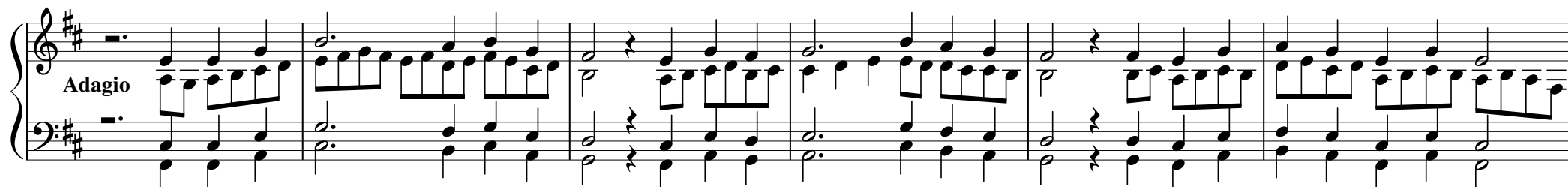
Adagio, measures 23-27. The tempo changes to Adagio. The right hand has a melodic line with ornaments, and the left hand features a long, sustained bass line with a fermata in measure 27.

Partita 3 (Kompositionsmuster: Peter Wagner)

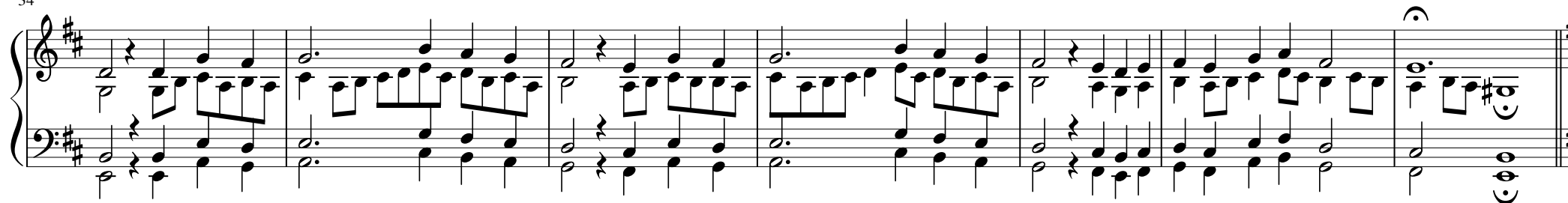
R: Gedackt. Flöte oder Salicional 8'

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Adagio



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Partita 4

R: Bass im Ped., auf zweitem Manual oder mit zusätzlichen Registern

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