

Strengthen for service, Lord the hands

Arr. J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Ach Gott Und Herr
87.87

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The music is in 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a whole note chord of D major (D, F#, A) and continues with a series of chords and moving lines. A fingering number '5' is written above the treble staff in the fourth measure. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a melodic line.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves, treble and bass clef, in D major. The treble staff shows a continuation of the melodic and harmonic material, ending with a fermata over a whole note chord. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, also ending with a fermata over a whole note chord.

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs
To clamor never waken.**

**Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw Thy love be bright
Thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread Thy holy courts
From light do Thou not banish;
The bodies by Thy body fed
With Thy new life replenish.**

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