

BOOK 1 PRELUDE NO. 19 IN A MAJOR BY JS BACH - DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

Bach created this Prelude by basing it on the old Gregorian Hymn "Deus Tuorum Militum".

Deus_Tuorum_P19.pdf is a downloadable pdf file showing the music of this hymn. The pdf file also includes the page you are reading, as sheet 4. The MIDI files play the music.

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MIDI file dtm-p19d.mid is the 3-part Prelude as Bach published it. I have used horns for clarity.

MIDI file dtm-p19c.mid is the first three verses of the hymn chant, by itself.

MIDI file dtm-p19b.mid is the Bass line of the Prelude along with the Hymn.

MIDI file dtm-p19a.mid is the 3-part Prelude with the Hymn, all together.

1. Deus Tuorum Militum Sors et corona praemium Laudes canentes Martyris Absolve nexu
criminis.

O God of your soldiers, whose destiny their reward and garland, release from the bond of sin those
singing praises of the martyr.

2. Hic nempe mundi gaudia Et blanda fraudem pabula Imbuta felle deputans Pervenit ad caelestia.

Here, certainly, cutting away the delights and alluring deceit of the world, food soaking in bitterness,
he returns to your heavenly home.

3. Poenas cucurrit fortiter Et sustulit viriliter Fundensque pro te sanguinem Aeterna dona possidet.

He hastened bravely to face punishments and endured them manfully, and shedding blood for you he
inherits eternal gifts.

For other examples of Bach's use of chant melodies in his own pieces, see:

The Little Fugue in G Minor (Dies Irae) and associated MIDI file
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