

I Wait for the Lord

Ich harre des Herrn

SATB and Keyboard

Psalm 130:5
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From Cantata 131
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750
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Adagio (♩ = 40)
(*mf*)

Soprano
I wait for the Lord.
Ich har - re des Herrn,

Alto
I wait for the Lord. I wait
Ich har - re des Herrn, ich har -

Tenor
I wait for the Lord.
Ich har - re des Herrn,

Bass
I wait for the Lord.
Ich har - re des Herrn,

Adagio (♩ = 40)
(*mf*)

Written in 1707, when Bach was 22 years old and organist at Mühlhausen, Cantata 131 (Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir [Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O Lord]) consists of five movements plus a short introductory sinfonia. *Ich harre des Herrn* is the central chorus. The movement and key structure is: Chorus, g minor; Duet, g minor; Chorus, E flat major; Duet, c minor; Chorus, g minor. Bach keeps the two-flat key signature throughout. The instrumentation calls for solo oboe and violin (the interweaving of the upper accompaniment parts in this edition), two violas, bassoon, and continuo.

Vocal lines and German text are as in original. English translation attempts to retain the thought of the original German as well as syllabic accent.

All metronome and dynamic markings are editorial, and cautionary accidentals have been added.

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I wait for the Lord.
 ich har - re des Herrn,

for the Lord.
 re des Herrn,

I wait for the Lord. I wait
 ich har - re des Herrn, ich har

I wait for the Lord.
 ich har - re des Herrn,

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Largo (♩ = 52)

I wait for the Lord.
 ich har - re des Herrn,

I wait for the Lord.
 ich har - re des Herrn,

for the Lord.
 re des Herrn, (mp)

I wait for the Lord. *Yes, my soul is
 ich har - re des Herrn, mei - ne See - le

(mp)

*May be translated "O, my soul" throughout.

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wait
har

ing, and is
ret, und ich

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(mp)

Yes, my soul is wait
mei - ne See - le har

hop - ing, it is hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop - ing in his
hof - fe, und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe · auf sein

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(mp)

Yes, my soul is wait
 mei - ne See - le har

ing, and is hop - ing, it is hop - ing, is hop - ing, is
 ret, und ich hof - fe, und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich

word. Yes, my soul is wait ing, and is
 Wort, mei - ne See - le har ret, und ich

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(mf)

Yes, my soul is wait
 mei - ne See - le har

ing, and is hop - ing, is hop - ing, is
 ret, und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich

hop - ing in his word. Yes, my soul is wait
 hof - fe auf sein Wort, mei - ne See - le har

hop - ing in his word.
 hof - fe auf sein Wort,

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ing, and is hop - ing, is
ret, und ich hof - fe, ich

hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; it is hop
hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, und ich hof

- ing, and is hop - ing in his word; is hop
- ret, und ich hof - fe auf sein (f) Wort, ich hof

Yes, my soul is wait
mei - ne See - le har

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hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; is hop
hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, ich hof

- ing in his word; is hop
fe auf sein Wort, ich hof

ing. Yes, my soul is wait
fe, mei - ne See - le har

ing, and is hop - ing, is
ret, und ich hof - fe, ich

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- ing in his word. Yes, my soul is
 - fe auf sein Wort, mei - ne See - le
 - ing in his word. Yes, my soul is wait - ing and is
 - fe auf sein Wort, mei - ne See - le har - ret, und ich
 ing and is hop - ing in his
 ret, und ich hof - fe auf sein
 wait - ing and is hop - ing in his
 hof - fe, und ich hof - fe auf sein

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wait har - ret, und ich ing, and is
 har - ret, und ich ret, und ich
 hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich hof - ing in his
 Wort, is ich hof hof - fe auf sein
 word, is hop hof - ing
 Wort, is ich hof hof - fe

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hop - ing in his word. Yes, my soul is
 hof - fe auf sein Wort, mei - ne See - le

- ing in his word; it is
 fe auf sein Wort, und ich

word. Yes, my soul is wait
 Wort, mei - ne See - le har -

in his word, is hop - ing, is hop - ing, it is
 auf sein Wort, ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, und ich

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wait har - ing, and is hop - ing, is
 har - ret, und ich hof - fe, (mp) ich

hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word, is
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, ich (mp)

ing, and is
 ret, und ich

hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop - ing. Yes, my soul is
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, mei - ne See - le

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hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; it is hop - ing,
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, und ich hof - fe,
 hop hof ing. Yes, my soul is
 hof fe, mei - ne See - le
 hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; it is
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe, (*mp*) ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, und ich
 wait ing, and is hop - ing in his
 har ret, und ich hof - fe auf sein

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it is hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word, is hop -
 und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, ich hof -
 wait ing, and is hop - ing, it is
 har ret, und ich hof - fe, und ich
 hop - ing in his word. Yes, my soul is
 hof - fe auf sein Wort, mei - ne See - le
 word. Yes, my soul is wait
 Wort, mei - ne See - le har

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- ing in his word, is hop
 - fe auf sein Wort, ich hof

hop - ing,
 hof - fe,

(mf)

wait ing. Yes, my soul is
 har ret, mei - ne See - le

- ing, and is hop - ing in his word.
 - ret, und ich hof - fe auf sein Wort.

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- ing, it is hop - ing.
 - fe, und ich hof - fe,
 (mf)

Yes, my soul is wait
 mei - ne See - le har

wait ing, and is hop - ing in his
 har ret, und ich hof - fe auf sein
 (mf)

It is hop - ing, is
 und ich hof - fe, ich

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(f)

Yes, my soul is wait
 mei - ne See - le har

- ing, and is hop - ing, is hop - ing, it is hop -
 - ret, und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, und ich hof -

word. It is hop - ing, is hop - ing, is hop - ing. Yes, my
 Wort, und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, mei - ne

(f)

hop - ing in his word. Yes, my soul is wait
 hof - fe auf sein Wort, mei - ne See - le har

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- ing, and is hop - ing, is hop - ing. Yes, my soul is
 - ret, und ich hof - fe, ich hof - fe, mei - ne See - le

- ing in his word, is hop - ing, is
 - fe auf sein Wort, ich hof - fe, ich

soul is wait - ing, and is hop - ing, is
 See - le har - ret, und ich hof - fe, ich

- ing, and is hop - ing, is
 - ret, und ich hof - fe, ich

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(mf) Adagio (♩ = 40)

wait ing, and is hop - ing
 har ret, *(mf)* und ich hof - fe

hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; it is hop -
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, *(mf)* und ich hof -

hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; it is hop -
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, *(mf)* und ich hof -

hop - ing, is hop - ing in his word; it is hop - ing
 hof - fe, ich hof - fe auf sein Wort, und ich hof - fe

Adagio (♩ = 40)

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in his word.
 auf sein Wort.

ing in his word.
 fe auf sein Wort.

ing in his word.
 fe auf sein Wort.

in his word.
 auf sein Wort.