



Commit Whatever Grieves Thee

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Text: Befiehl du deine Wege; Paul Gerhardt (1656); tr. John Kelly (1867)

Tune: Herzlich tut mich verlangen; Hans Leo Hassler (1601)


Setting: Johann Sebastian Bach (1727); BWV 244.44

S.
A.




1. Com - mit what - ev - er grieves thee In -
2. On Him place thy re - li - ance If
3. Thy truth and grace, O Fa - ther, Most


T.
B.



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to the gra - cious hands Of Him who nev - er
thou wouldst be - se - cure; His work thou must con -
sure - ly see - and know Both what is good and



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leaves thee, Who heav'n and earth com - mands.
si - der If thine is to - en - dure.
e - vil For mor - tal man - be - low.



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Who points the clouds their cours - es Whom
 By an - xious sighs and griev - ing And
 Ac - cord - ing to Thy coun - sel Thou

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winds and waves o - bey, He will di - rect thy
 self - tor - ment - ing care God is not moved to
 wilt Thy work pur - sue; And what Thy wis - dom

16

foot - steps And find for thee a way.
 giv - ing; All must be gained by prayer.
 choos - eth Thy might will al - ways do.

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4. Thy hand is nev - er shor - tened, All
 5. Though all the pow'rs of e - vil The
 6. Then hope, my fee - ble spir - it, And

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things must serve Thy might; Thine ev - 'ry act is
 will of God op - pose, His pur - pose will not
 be thou un - dis - mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry

25

bles - ing, Thy path is pur - est light.
 fal - ter, His plea - sure on - ward goes.
 tri - al And makes thee un - a - fraid.

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And from the heav - y bur - den Thy
 In - to thy hand thy Mak - er Will
 Thy truth and Thy pro - tec - tion Grant

67

heart will soon set free; And thou wilt see the
 give the vic - tor's palm, And thou to thy De -
 ev - er - more, we pray, And in ce - les - tial

70

bles - ing He had in mind for thee.
 li - v'rer Shalt sing a joy - ous psalm.
 glo - ry Shall end our des - tined way.

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10. But if thou perseverest, Thou
 11. O faithful child of heaven, How
 12. Give, Lord, this consumption To

28

Thy work no man can hinder, Thy
 What-e'er God's will resolveth What -
 Await His time with patience, Then

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shalt deliverance find. Behold, all unex -
 blessed shalt thou be! With songs of glad thanks -
 all our hearts' distress; Our hands, our feet, e'er

31

purpose none can stay, Since Thou to bless Thy
 ever He intends, Will always be ac -
 shall thine eyes behold The sun of joy and

61

pected He will thy soul unbind
 giving A crown awaiteth thee.
 strength-en, In death our spirits bless.

34

children Wilt always find a way.
 accomplished True to His aims and ends.
 gladness His brightest beams unfold.

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7. A - rise, my soul, and ba - nish Thy
 8. Leave all to His di - rec - tion; In
 9. A while His con - so - la - tion He

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an - guish and thy care. A - way with tho'ts that
 wis - dom He doth reign, And in a way most
 may to thee de - ny, And seem as though in

43

sad - den And heart and mind en - snare!
 won - drous His course He will main - tain.
 tri - al He far from thee would fly;

46

Thou art not lord and mas - ter Of
 Soon He, His pro - mise keep - ing, With
 A while dis - tress and an - guish May

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thine own des - ti - ny; En - thron'd in high - est
 won - der - work - ing skill Shall put a - way the
 com - pass thee a - round, Nor to thy sup - pli -

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heav - en, God rules in e - qui - ty.
 sor - rows That now thy spir - it fill.
 ca - tion An an - sw'ring voice be found.