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treble instrument, and keyboard

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Arr. by William Braun

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### *Performance Ideas*

Composer Michael Praetorius maintained that musicians need to make use of whatever forces are available. This arrangement of “A Mighty Fortress” can be adapted in a variety of ways:

- If a treble instrument is available, the line can be played at pitch by a clarinet, oboe, trumpet, cornet, or violin. Flutes may want to play an octave higher; saxophones may want to play st. 2 an octave lower.
- If no treble instrument is available, the instrumental parts could be played on an organ (solo stop on one manual for intro with principal stops on a second manual and pedal) or a keyboard with the descant parts played in octaves. If a digital keyboard is available, a solo color can be used on the descant part against an organ or piano on the lower keyboard parts.
- The vocal parts can be done using two treble voices or mixed voices.
- The vocal parts on st. 2,3 can be performed *a cappella* or with keyboard accompaniment to support the voices.
- If more than one treble instrument is available, one can double the melody throughout while the other plays the written descants.

*Settings of EIN FESTE BURG by composers Lucas Osiander and Johann Walther informed or were incorporated into this arrangement.*

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♩ = c. 120

## Introduction

The musical score is divided into three systems. The first system, labeled 'Introduction', shows the Instrument in C (treble clef) and Keyboard (grand staff) playing a piece marked *f*. The second system begins at measure 6 and includes a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.). The third system begins at measure 11. A large red watermark 'NOT COPY' is overlaid diagonally across the entire score.

16

Inst. in C

21

Inst. in C

Stanza 1: All

*f*

*f*

A might - y helps us

26

Inst. in C

for - tress is — our God, A trust - y shield and weap -  
 free from ev - 'ry need That has us now o'er - tak -

Inst. in C

31

1. 2.

31 - - - on; He en. The old e - - - vil

Inst. in C

36

36 foe. Now means dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might Are

Inst. in C

42

42 his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e -

Stanza 2: Unison Choir

Inst.  
in C

47 *f*

qual. 2. With might of ours can naught \_\_\_\_\_ be  
for us fights the val - iant

Inst.  
in C

52

done; \_\_\_\_\_ Soon were our loss ef - fect - - -  
one \_\_\_\_\_ Whom God him - self e - lect -

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57 1. 2.

Inst. in C

-ed. But ed. You ask, "Who is this?" Je -

62

Inst. in C

- sus Christ it is, The al - might - y Lord. And

Inst. in C

67

there's no oth - er God; \_\_\_\_\_ He holds the field

Inst. in C

72

72 **Stanza 3: Two-part Choir**

for - ev - - - er. 3. Though dev - ils all the world not, we fear \_

3. Though dev - ils

72

\*Keyboard optional for st. 3.



77

\_\_\_\_\_ should fill, All ea - ger to de - vour \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ no ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r \_\_\_\_\_

8

all the world \_\_\_\_\_ should fill, All ea - ger to de - vour

77

82

1. us, We trem - ble us. This world's prince  
2. us. This world's prince

us, We us. This world's prince

82

87

— may still Scowl fierce as he will,

87 — may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us

93

He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed — is done!

8 none, can harm us none. He's judged; the deed — is done!

93

98

One lit - tle word can fell — him, can fell him.

8 One lit - tle word can fell — him.

98

103 **Stanza 4: All**

Inst. in C *f*

103 *f* Descant

4. The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor  
by our side up - on the plain With

103 *f* Melody

4. The Word they still side shall let re - main, Nor  
by our side up - on the plain With

103 *f*

108

Inst. in C

108

an - y thanks have for it; He's  
his good gifts and Spir - - -

108

an - y thanks have for it; He's  
his good gifts and Spir - - -

108

Inst.  
in C

112 2.

it. And do \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ they will— Hate,

it. And do \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ they will— Hate,

Inst.  
in C

116

steal, hurt, or kill— \_\_\_\_\_ Though all may \_\_\_\_\_

steal, hurt, or kill— \_\_\_\_\_ Though all may \_\_\_\_\_

120

Inst. in C

— be gone, Our vic - to - ry is — won; The

8 be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won; The

120

124

Inst. in C

king - dom's ours for - ev - - - er!

8 king - dom's ours for - ev - - - er!

124

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