

BACH CANTATA SERVICE

Sunday Eucharist 9 a.m. 29th July, 2012

includes J.S. Bach's cantata

Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich denn (BWV 157)

*for tenor and bass solo, chorus, violin d'amore,
oboe d'amore, flute and continuo*

& the Kyrie in F major (BWV 233a)

for choir and continuo

Robert Macfarlane (tenor), Jerzy Koslowski (bass)

Ross Mitchell (viola d'amore)

Geoffrey Burgess (oboe d'amore)

Alison Catanach (flute)

The St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra

directed by Graham Lieschke



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The **St Johns Cantata Program** is an ongoing program presenting the cantatas and choral music of J.S. Bach in the context for which it was written, liturgical Lutheran church services. The services include organ music on St John's splendid 1992 Smenge pipe organ and congregational singing of chorales and liturgy. Now in its 15th year, over 100 cantatas, the B Minor Mass, the Christmas Oratorio, the Magnificat, and several Latin masses have been presented. The **St Johns Bach Orchestra** plays on original instruments; the church's original instrument collection includes a 1996 Smenge chamber organ, and pairs of oboes da caccia, baroque timpani and cornetti. The program is directed by Dr Graham Lieschke.

The program has developed substantial local and international collaborations. Dr Lieschke was awarded the 2004 Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to cultivate links with similar programs overseas. **St Johns Visiting Music Directors** have been Thomas Schmidt (2004, St Peter's Lutheran Church, New York, USA), Georg Christoph Biller (2006, Thomaskantor, Leipzig, Germany) and Albrecht Koch (2010, Domkantor, Freiberg, Germany). An occasional scholarship program has supported the involvement of young Australian musicians.

Events are arranged on a rolling basis. Forthcoming events are:

Sun/29/Jul 9:00 a.m.	Eucharist Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich denn (BWV 157) & Kyrie in F major (BWV 233) with Robert Macfarlane (tenor), Jerzy Koslowski (bass).
Sun/26/Aug 9:00 a.m.	Eucharist Die Elenden sollen essen (BWV 75) with Martin Petzold (tenor) from Leipzig, Germany. <i>Mr Petzold's Melbourne visit is organised by the German Church East Melbourne for the Bach@Trinity 2012 Festival.</i>
Sun/9/Sept 9:00 a.m.	Eucharist Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 180) presented in collaboration with the Early Music Studio (University of Melbourne), directed by Greg Dikmans.

The program is an activity of the St Johns Southgate congregation. To help us maintain the ongoing presentation of Bach's cantatas, your support is greatly appreciated. The **St Johns Southgate Bach Foundation Inc** was formed in 2011 to encourage donations and other activities supporting the program. For enquiries and to make a donation, contact Graham Lieschke through the church office at <stjohnssouthgate@internode.on.net>. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.