

# Bach Cantata Service

25  
Anniversary Season

9am Sunday 16 April 2023  
Festival Service (2nd Sunday of Easter)

**Guest preacher** Pastor Kim Kiessling  
Senior Pastor, German Lutheran Trinity Church, East Melbourne

includes the JS Bach cantata

**Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen** BWV66\*

for 3 soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes, trumpet and continuo

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra  
directed by Graham Lieschke

Christopher Roache (countertenor)

Timothy Reynolds (tenor)

Oliver Mann (bass)



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Director of Music: Graham Lieschke

The **St Johns Bach Cantata Program** is an ongoing program presenting the cantatas and choral music of JS Bach in the context for which it was written, liturgical Lutheran church services. Services include organ music on the splendid Smenge pipe organ and congregational singing of chorales and liturgy. The St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra are directed by Graham Lieschke. This is the program's 26th year. In over 200 events, more than 130 different Bach cantatas and most of the oratorios, motets, passion and Latin liturgical music have been presented.

The **St Johns Bach Orchestra** plays on original instruments. St John's baroque instrument collection includes a chamber organ, concert harpsichord, recorder (in d), oboes da caccia, timpani and cornetti. The program has developed substantial local and international collaborations.

**St Johns Visiting Music Directors** have been Thomas Schmidt (2004, St Peter's Lutheran Church, New York, USA), Georg Christoph Biller (2006, Thomaskirche, Leipzig, Germany), Albrecht Koch (2010, 2018, Dom St Marien, Freiberg, Germany), Rick Erickson (2013, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, USA), Daniel Beilschmidt (2019, Leipzig University, Germany).

*These events mark the 25th anniversary season  
of the St Johns Southgate Bach Cantata Program*

Future events are organised on a rolling basis

7:30pm Thursday 18 May 2023 – Festival Service (Ascension Day)

**Guest preacher** The Rev'd Chris Lancaster

Project Officer, Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

JS Bach's **Auf Christi Himmelfahrt allein** BWV128

for 3 soloists, choir, strings, 3 oboes, 2 horns, trumpet and continuo

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra

directed by Graham Lieschke

Sally-Anne Russell (mezzosoprano)

Robert Macfarlane (tenor)

Christopher Tonkin (bass)

Continuing the series featuring the 9 cantatas with texts by Christiana Mariana von Ziegler:

**Bisher habt ihr nichts gebeten in meinem Namen** BWV 87\*, date to be advised

**Es ist euch gut, daß ich hingehe** BWV108\*, date to be advised

**Es ist ein trotzig und verzagt Ding** BWV176\*, date to be advised

\* St Johns cantata premiere

The program is an activity of the St Johns Southgate congregation.

The **St Johns Southgate Bach Foundation Inc** was formed in 2011 to encourage donations and other activities supporting the program, such as instrument procurement and special project funding.

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