

Ash Wednesday 14 February 2018 7:30pm

includes JS Bach's cantata **Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder** BWV135

for 3 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes, cornetto, bass trombone and continuo

Maximilian Riebl (countertenor) Timothy Reynolds (tenor) Christopher Tonkin (bass)

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra joined by players from La Compañia directed by Graham Lieschke



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Pastor: Tom Hoffmann

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. This is the program's 21st year. In over 180 events, more than 120 different Bach cantatas have now been presented, also most of the oratorios, motets, passion and Latin liturgical music. 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 director is 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, Thomaskirche, Leipzig, Germany), Albrecht Koch (2010, Dom St Marien, Freiberg, Germany), Rick Erickson (2013, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, USA).

Schedule

events are arranged on a rolling basis

Sunday 8 January 2017 Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam BWV7
Sunday 26 March 2017 Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern BWV1

Thursday 25 May 2017 Christ lag in Todes Banden BWV4
Sunday 20 August 2017 Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir BWV38

Sunday 1 October 2017 Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele BWV69, Nun ist das Heil und die Kraft BWV50

Sunday 29 October 2017 O ewiges Feuer, O Ursprung der Liebe BWV34

Sunday 3 December 2017 **Southern Cantata** Andrew Schultz, Opus 102 (libretto by Katherine Firth) *world premiere*

Sunday 7 January 2018 Herr Christ, der einge Gottessohn BWV96 Wednesday 14 February 2018 Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder BWV135

10am Friday 30 March 2018

Good Friday

Du wahrer Gott und Davids Sohn BWV23

for 3 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes, 4 trombones and continuo

Also

Crucifixus from Credo of the Mass in B Minor, BWV232

Christus factus est Anton Bruckner

St Johns Bach Orchestra

Graz Kappellknaben, visiting boys choir from Austria

directed by Matthias Unterkofler

7:30pm Thursday 10 May 2018

Ascension Day

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.

