

10am Sunday 25 December 2022 Festival Eucharist (Christmas Day)

Guest preacher Rev Gordon Wegener

includes JS Bach's cantata

Jauchzet, frohlocket! Auf, preiset die Tage BWV248/i

from the Christmas Oratorio

for 3 soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes, 2 flutes, 3 trumpets, timpani and continuo

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra directed by Graham Lieschke Sally-Anne Russell (mezzosoprano) Robert Macfarlane (tenor) Nicholas Beecher (bass)



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Christmas Eve Carol Service

Saturday 24 December 2022
7:15pm Brass on the Grass
7:30pm Service with readings, poetry and carols with brass quintet and organ

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).

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This event marks the 25th anniversary of the St Johns Southgate Bach Cantata Program

Future events are organised on a rolling basis

7:30pm Wednesday 22 February 2023 – Eucharist (Ash Wednesday)

JS Bach's Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut BWV199

for soprano solo, strings, oboe and continuo

St Johns Bach Orchestra

directed by Graham Lieschke

Kate Macfarlane (soprano)

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

Auf Christi Himmelfahrt allein (BWV128), 18 May 2023 Ascension Day

Es ist ein trotzig und verzagt Ding (BWV176), date to be advised

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.

