

BACH CANTATA SERVICE

Ascension Day Vespers
7:30 pm Thursday 9th May 2013

includes J.S. Bach's cantata

Wer da gläubet und getauft wird (BWV 37)
for 4 soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes and continuo

Jennifer Cook *soprano*

Anna Plotka *alto*

Timothy Reynolds *tenor*

Oliver Mann *bass*

St Johns Bach Choir

St Johns Bach Orchestra

directed by Rick Erickson

Cantor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York

4th St Johns Visiting Music Director



St Johns Southgate

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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. The program is now in its 16th year, having presented almost 100 different cantatas in over 120 events. 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, Leipzig, Germany), Albrecht Koch (2010, Freiberg, Germany), Rick Erickson (2013, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, USA). Rick Erickson's Melbourne/New Zealand visit is a collaborative project with St Paul's Lutheran Church, Wellington, NZ.

Events are arranged on a rolling basis. Current confirmed events are:

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun/23/Jun 9:00 a.m.	Eucharist – 5 th Sunday after Pentecost Jesu, nun sei gepreiset (BWV 41) St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra <i>dir.</i> Graham Lieschke <i>The 100th different Bach cantata in the St Johns Series</i>
Sun/11/Aug 9:00 a.m.	Eucharist – 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut (BWV 199) <i>for soprano solo, violin, oboe and continuo</i> Jennifer Cook (sop) & soloists from the St Johns Bach Orchestra
Sun/22/Sept 9:00 a.m.	Eucharist – 18 th Sunday after Pentecost A cantata (TBA) presented in collaboration with the Early Music Studio (University of Melbourne), directed by Greg Dikmans.
Sun/15/Dec 9:00 a.m.	Advent Festival Eucharist The Annunciation (by Brett Dean) <i>for choir, 3 clarinets, 3 horns, harp, 3 violas, 2 cellos, 2 basses</i> Choir of Trinity College, Consort of Melbourne Directed by the composer <i>Australian premiere of the 4th 2012 Thomanerchor Festmusik</i>

The program is an activity of the St Johns Southgate congregation. The **St Johns Southgate Bach Foundation Inc** was formed in June 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.