



Bach Cantata Service

10am Monday 25 December 2023 – Festival Eucharist (Christmas Day)

Guest preacher Pastor Gordon Wegener

includes JS Bach's cantata

Und es waren Hirten in derselben Gegend BWV248ii

the second cantata of the Christmas Oratorio

for 4 soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes incl 2 oboes da caccia, 2 flutes and continuo

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra

directed by Graham Lieschke

Kate Macfarlane (soprano)

Sally-Anne Russell (mezzosoprano)

Timothy Reynolds (tenor)

Christopher Tonkin (bass)



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Director of Music: Graham Lieschke

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Sunday 24 December 2023

7:15pm Brass on the Grass

7:30pm Service with readings, poetry, and carols
with brass quintet, timpani 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).

Future events are organised on a rolling basis

For updates see www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au/index.php/music/bach-cantata

7:30pm Wednesday 14 February 2024 – Eucharist (Ash Wednesday)

JS Bach's **Ich armer Mensch, ich Südenknecht** BWV55

for tenor solo, choir, strings, oboe d'amore, flute and continuo

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra

directed by Graham Lieschke

Robert Macfarlane (tenor)

Preacher: Pastor James Winderlich

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.

For more information and various ways to make a donation: www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au.

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