

# SACRED HARP HAMBURG

RISE, MY SOUL, AND STRETCH THY WINGS

Every Tuesday at 8pm at the  
Anglican Church of St Thomas Becket  
Zeughausmarkt 22, 20459 Hamburg  
U-Bahn St. Pauli or U-/S-Bahn Landungsbrücken

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Named after a collection of songs first published in 1844, the Sacred Harp singing tradition has spread from the chapels of the southern states of America to the pubs, clubs and community centres of secular northern Europe. Nowadays, people from all walks of life meet to sing these simple, but infectious, four-part a-cappella arrangements, and to enjoy the unique fraternity of the Sacred Harp community. Hamburg Sacred Harp always welcomes new singers. Just come along and join in!

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## COME ALL MY DEAR BRETHREN AND HELP ME TO SING

No musical background is required as you will be taught to read the traditional compositions using the so-called „shape note“ system, which was developed to help inexperienced readers identify notes on the musical scale. Although Sacred Harp stems from a Christian tradition, the group in Hamburg maintains a strictly non-exclusive policy. Your faith (or lack of it), age, social status, sexual preferences and skin colour play absolutely no role whatsoever in our group. Indeed, we believe the interests of the group are served best by a wide range of “voices”.

## WELCOME, WELCOME EVERY GUEST

The Hamburg Sacred Harp group, which was formed in August 2013, meets every Tuesday at 20:00 hrs in the Anglican Church of St Thomas Becket on Zeughausmarkt 22, 20459 Hamburg. Group membership is non-binding and entirely free of charge. Anyone is welcome to come and listen. Although we do encourage our visitors to sing from the outset – because it is more fun and the quickest way to learn – no-one is obliged to do so.