

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas Day

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*The congregation is asked to use the time of the Voluntary
as a period of silent prayer and preparation.*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

*Two settings of In dulci júbilo ('In sweet jubilation')
from Das Orgelbüchlein, BWV 608
In organo pleno, BWV 729*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

And did it happen
that in a stable long ago,
a weary couple,
who no-one wanted to know,
should choose a manger,
in spite of danger,
to hold and hallow the Lord below?

And did it happen
that in the stillness of the night,
the woman laboured
to let God see the light,
and bathed and dressed him,
breastfed and blessed him,
the Word incarnate whose time was right?

And did it happen
that news of this first reached the poor,
compelled by angels
to tiptoe to the door
and see no trappings,
just linen wrappings,
a baby for certain and God for sure?

And did it happen
that all of this was meant to be,
that God from distance
should choose to be set free
and show uniqueness
transformed in weakness,
that I might touch him and he touch me?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Worship Register and pass it on to your neighbor.

*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 148 1-6

One: Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise him in the heights above.

**All: Praise him, all his angels,
Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

One: Praise him, sun and moon,
Praise him, all you shining stars.

**All: Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.**

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

**All: He set them in place for ever and ever;
he gave a decree that will never pass away.**

*HYMN 143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *Regent Square*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Word was in the world,
but the world, though we owe our being to him,
we did not recognize him.

**We have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays,
and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace;**

**We have focused so much on our own lives and desires,
that we have neglected the voices of your children
who cry out for justice;**

**In our desire of making the season perfect,
we have turned away from the pain of the world
and broken places in need of healing;**

**We have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children,
and we have stubbornly closed our hearts
to how you enter us all.**

Come to us again, O Lord.

Forgive our shortsightedness.

Cast out our sin and enter in;

be born in us today.

Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Kyrie Eleison

Arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of Christmas.

Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

All: For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.

**His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words above.

*Response of Praise

(Hymnal, 143)

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

OFFERING OF PENNIES FOR HUNGER

(As the ushers come forward, please pass the pennies to the center aisle, if you are seated downstairs, or to the right in the balcony. As they are being passed, please join in singing verses 1 and 2 of Hymn 129, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.")

THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to join the minister on the chancel for Time With Children. Children under three are invited to come forward with a parent.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

p. 692

(Children's Bible, pp. 856-857)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Decked in What?"

John Rogers

Time is provided following the sermon for a few moments of personal reflection and prayer.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN (see back) "Deck Yourself, My Soul With Gladness"

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THE THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

A Sacred Song

Herbert Howells

Kathleen Jasinskas, *soprano*

1892-1983

From far the Angels draw near – Eia, Eia,
Sweet is the DaySpring that heals our fear;
Come sing and dance,
Come pipe and play – Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

A child this day to us is born, Eia,
Sing all ye shepherds proclaim the morn.
Come sing and dance,
Come pipe and play – Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear.

Now all mankind doth say and sing Eia!
This is the day of Christ and King.
Come sing and dance,
Come pipe and play!
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sing Jesus Christ and Mary dear, Eia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Eia!

~ Words from an old Carol

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *Kingsfold*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand, as able.*

Worship Notes

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please turn off or silence all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices for the duration of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher:* John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry. *Liturgist:* Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Deacon in the Narthex:* Patrick Kavanaugh. *Greeter:* Helen Warner. *Ushers:* Gus and Libby Conley (captains), George Campbell, Carmen Woodruff. **At 11:00:** *Greeters:* John, Tricia, Ben, Evan, and Elise Wroton. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Elizabeth Bouldin, Bob Johnson. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Ken Krzyzewski.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to take home poinsettias after worship today. Please feel free to take extras to share with those who were unable to join us.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN VOLUNTARY offers two settings by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) of the carol *In dulci jubilo* (In sweet jubilation). The text of *In dulci jubilo* is thought to have been written in 1328 by the German mystic (Dominican Friar) Henrich Seuse (1295-1366) as a macaronic alternation of medieval German and Latin. Folklore tells that Seuse heard angels singing the joyous words about the infant Jesus and then joined the angels in a dance. The ancient melody first appeared in a manuscript dating from 1400 and was first found in print form in the Lutheran *Geistliche Lieder* (Spiritual Songs) of 1533. Bach's setting from *Das Orgelbüchlein* (The Little Organ Book) is sixty-or-so seconds of some of the most complicated music he ever composed: written in four voices, both the melody and the inner-voice accompanimental figure are cast in strict canon. The second setting is cast as a stirring and majestic *Fantasia in organo pleno* (in full organ).

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP is from *Cloth for the Cradle*, printed by Wild Goose Worship Group, Glasgow (1997).

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please take some prayerful time this week to prepare for this sacrament.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...The work of proclamation belongs not just to preachers but to the Christian community as a whole. To that end, if thoughts or questions are stimulated by a sermon that you hear, your worship leaders would be grateful to receive your reflections. While we always are open to face-to-face conversation, sometimes it's easier to drop a note by email. We can't promise to respond to each email individually, but we would love to have your thoughts and questions inform our preparation for worship in the weeks to come. Any responses you'd like to share may be sent to sermons@upcch.org.

THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC's newsletter are posted on the church Website at www.upcch.org.

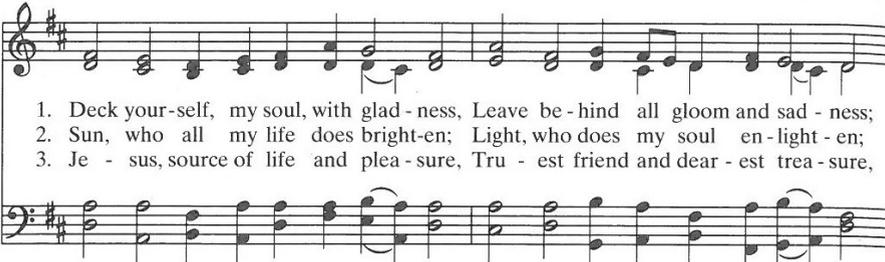
Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

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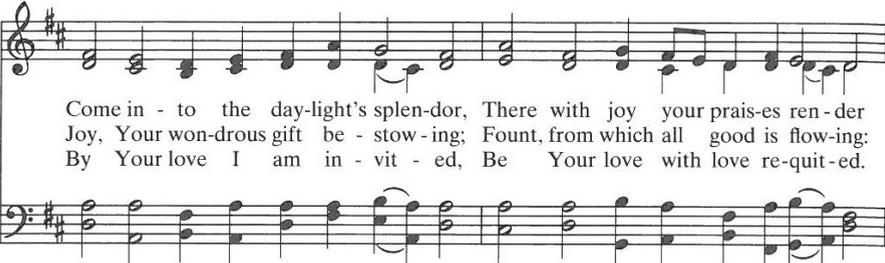
Johann Franck (1618–1677)

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863,
and John Casper Mattes, 1913; alt.

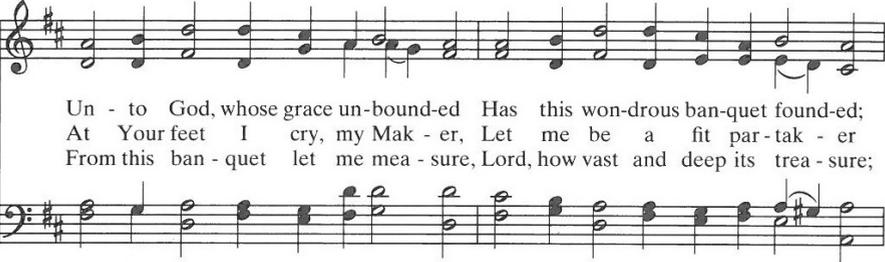
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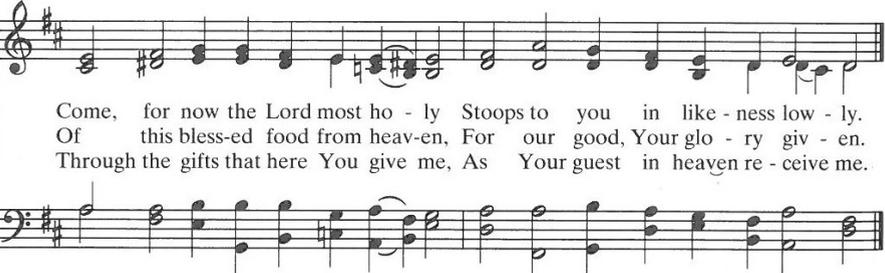
1. Deck your-self, my soul, with glad-ness, Leave be-hind all gloom and sad-ness;
2. Sun, who all my life does bright-en; Light, who does my soul en-light-en;
3. Je - sus, source of life and plea-sure, Tru - est friend and dear - est trea-sure,



Come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, There with joy your prais-es ren-der
Joy, Your won-drous gift be - stow-ing; Fount, from which all good is flow-ing;
By Your love I am in - vit - ed, Be Your love with love re-quit-ed.



Un - to God, whose grace un-bound-ed Has this won-drous ban-quet found-ed;
At Your feet I cry, my Mak - er, Let me be a fit par-tak - er
From this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and deep its trea - sure;



Come, for now the Lord most ho - ly Stoops to you in like - ness low - ly.
Of this bless-ed food from heav-en, For our good, Your glo - ry giv - en.
Through the gifts that here You give me, As Your guest in heav-en re - ceive me.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ROBERTSON LANE. It is fine to park in the designated pull-in parking spaces, but the road itself is a fire lane and must be kept clear. Thank you for your understanding.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin Street. Please reserve these spaces for those with handicap parking permits.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS and portable hearing devices are available every Sunday in the narthex.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
December 31, 2017

2018 Stewardship Campaign

The Session meets on January 11 to work on UPC's 2018 budget, which, as always, will be determined primarily by stewardship pledges received to date. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a significant decrease in commitments for 2018 compared to prior years, which would negatively impact UPC's local and global outreach, campus ministry, music and youth programs, church retreats, staff salaries, and other programs and ministries. Through mid-December, the total pledged for 2018 was approximately \$228,000 below the final amounts pledged for the previous two years. **If you have not yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible. If you have already pledged, please consider increasing your pledge if you are able.** Pledge cards are in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to UPC at P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. You may also email your pledge to finance@upcch.org or pledge securely online at www.upcch.org/stewardship, where you will also find the latest stewardship campaign updates. Thank you!

UPPS Registration

University Presbyterian Preschool (UPPS) registration for next fall is here! For the past 46 years, UPPS has been offering a nurturing, play-based preschool option for church members and the surrounding community. Children who turn two years old before September 1st are eligible for our Twos class. We also offer a Threes class, a Fours class and a "Transitional Fives" class for kindergarten-aged children who could benefit from an extra year in a nurturing preschool setting. Church members can submit applications for our Twos class during our priority registration period, from January 1 to January 22. Applications for the Threes, Fours and Fives are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications and more information about the preschool can be found on the preschool website at www.upps-ch.com. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Director Ellen Parker or Assistant to the Director Caroline Jones at (919) 929-8658 or preschool@upcch.org.

Screen Time and Stress

Please join us for "Screen Time and Stress" on January 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in Dunham Hall. Dr. Christian Mauro with the Duke Child and Family Study Center will present on this topic, with plenty of time for discussion. Think "screen time" means television and video games? It does—but it also refers to computers, cell phones, and other technologies that are so prevalent in our daily lives. Come learn about the effects the constant influx of technology and access to unlimited information can have on the mental health of our children and youth and discuss what we can do to help them navigate this tricky new world! This event will be hosted by the Mental Health Task Force and the CYM Youth Sub-Committee. A light supper will be provided in the Youth Center. If needed, childcare will be provided. **Please go to <https://goo.gl/eGDgT2> to RSVP to give us a head count for dinner.**

Adult Education

New classes begin on Sunday, January 7. Join the discussion about current events in the Connections class, about parenting and technology, or about faith and money. Contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org. All are welcome to join Adult Education classes at any time.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Sunday, January 14, is the deadline to register for the **High School Beach Retreat** (April 13-15, \$220) and the **Masanetta Middle School Conference** (July 11-14, \$375). To register, go to www.upcch.org/pyc/#trips. Scholarships are available and confidential. For more information about trips or scholarships, please contact Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at kim@upcch.org.

PYPs Thank-You-Note-Writing Party

Now that the Christmas season is behind us and the new year has arrived, we are given a wonderful opportunity to practice gratitude. Join us for a thank-you-note-writing party on Sunday, January 7, from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children AND parents should attend. Please bring with you a list of the gifts received and from whom you received each gift. If you have special stationery that you would like to use, please feel free to bring it. We will provide plain paper, stickers, crayons, and markers, as well as age-appropriate instruction as to why and how to write thank you notes. Join us before or after choir. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

PYPs Child-Friendly Meals Potluck

All PYPs families are invited to a Child-Friendly Meals Potluck on Sunday, January 7. Bring your favorite, easy, go-to, weeknight dish to the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m., along with the printed recipe. Our families will enjoy fellowship and dinner and each will leave with a recipe book of new ideas for easy dinners. Plus, you'll have seen which are your family's favorites! Please bring enough for 12 people. **RSVP to Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org by Thursday, January 4.** At least ten families are needed to make this event a go, so please let us know if your family can join us.

Young Adults

The Young Adults Bible study will return on Monday, January 8. Enjoy the extra week to read! We will gather at 7:30 p.m. in the UPC Parlor to discuss the next two weeks of reading (Judges 3:7-1 Samuel 24, or pages 274-337 in the study Bible). Contact Kate Fiedler if you would like to join or have questions (kate@upcch.org).

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:
Circle 1: Wed., Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Hostess: Megan Crunkleton, 118 Steeplechase Rd. (919-960-8874)

Circle 2: Mon., Jan. 8, 10 a.m. Hostess: Diane McGrath, 2200 Copeland Way (919-929-9657)

Circle 3: Tues., Jan. 9, 10 a.m. Hostess: Marian Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive (919-942-4752)

Circle 4: Tues., Jan. 3, 10 a.m. Hostess: TBD (Farrington Village)

Circle 5: Wed., Jan. 3, 7 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 105 Sheffield Circle (919-933-9463)

How Can I Rejoice When I Hurt?

Life crises don't take a vacation during the holidays, and it's never easy to be alone this time of year. Maybe your family couldn't make it home for the holidays, or maybe you didn't have many visitors as folks are so busy. A Stephen Minister would like to visit, listen, share your pain, and help you find new ways to cope. Contact Elizabeth Michael at (919) 929-2102 or elizabeth@upcch.org to discuss being matched, or visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry to learn more.

Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will begin rehearsals for their musical, *Miss Persia*, on Monday, January 1, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite, and the Technical Team will be painting in the Fellowship Hall. Happy New Year! Contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org for more information.

The Junior (grades 2-6) and Children's Choirs (grades K-2) will resume Sunday afternoon rehearsals on January 7. Now is a great time to join these choirs! Contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org for more information.

Youth Choir Musical Tickets

Tickets for *Miss Persia*, the Youth Choir's 2018 musical about Esther by Eyal Bitton, will be on sale on Sundays, January 21 and 28 in the church office following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Performance dates are February 1, 2, and 3. Tickets are \$5; dessert and beverages will be served. The February 1 performance is free and no food will be serviced. For ticket information, contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org.

Register for Montreat

Registration is open for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference (June 17-23, 2018). All active choir members, rising fourth graders to graduating seniors, are eligible to attend. Go to upcch.org/music/youth-choir to register. Our own Margaret LaMotte Torrence will be the Liturgist for the conference and Jeremy Nabors, CHHS Choral Director, will be the High School Choral Director. Don't miss the fun!

Second Sunday Lunch

The first Second Sunday Lunch of the new year will be Sunday, January 14, in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service. The Children's and Youth Ministry Committee and Personnel Committee will co-host and provide a main dish and beverages. Those who attend are asked to bring a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert for approximately 12 people. Please be generous! All new members, visitors, and students are welcome without contribution. If possible, we ask members to add a label to your dish specifying allergens to help show hospitality to those with food allergies and other dietary needs. Labels such as "gluten free," "contains peanuts/tree nuts" or "vegetarian" are helpful to ensure everyone can enjoy food and fellowship at church. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the warm fellowship and delicious food. All are welcome!

Announcements from the Larger Community

The Racial Equity Institute will present another Groundwater Training on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at Kehillah Synagogue in Chapel Hill. Registration for the January 7 training is open, and registration for Racial Equity Institute trainings tend to fill quickly. The registration link is conta.cc/2hDbL2b. If you have questions, please contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org.

The Inter-Faith Council (IFC) is a nonprofit organization that helps our community by providing social services to help individuals and families in need. By donating to the IFC Food Pantry, you can help with this mission. You may bring donated items to church on Sundays and leave them in the IFC shopping cart in the narthex. Or you may take donations directly to the IFC Food Pantry at 110 W. Main Street in Carrboro. Visit www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry to view a list of their current most-needed items.

This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 31

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)

Monday, January 1

3:00-6:00 Church office closed: New Year's Day
Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
6:00-7:00 Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall

Tuesday, January 2

10:00 Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, January 4

7:00-9:00 Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Friday, January 5

11:00 Materials for Session Packets due

Saturday, January 6

9:00-4:00 Confirmation Day Retreat:
Vance Barron Hall, Dunham Hall
3:00-6:00 Musical rehearsal: Fellowship Hall,
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite

Sunday, January 7

8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
12:00-1:00 Membership Committee:
Vance Barron Hall
3:30-4:45 PYPs Thank You Note Writing Party:
Fellowship Hall
3:45-4:10 Children's Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:15-4:55 Junior Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
4:30 Montreat Worship and Music Meeting:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
5:00-6:00 PYPs Kid-friendly Meals Potluck:
Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:00 Youth Choir:
Priscilla D. Bevin Memorial Choir Suite
6:00-7:30 Screen Time and Stress: Dunham Hall
(light dinner in Youth Center)
6:00-7:30 PYC Theme Night: Fellowship Hall

**Remember, there is FREE parking at the
Rosemary Street parking deck on Sundays.**