

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**1 March 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Lent
Quarterly Communion**

Welcome!

*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*



Detail of an icon by Russian-American iconographer Dmitry Shkolnik (1960-)

Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Call to Worship

E te whānau a Te Karaiti, ngā mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa.	<i>Brothers and sisters in Christ, warm greetings to you all.</i>
Kia ora tatou.	<i>Hello to you all.</i>
Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou.	<i>The Lord be with you.</i>
Mā Ihowā koe a manaaki.	<i>The Lord bless you.</i>

We sing as the Bible is carried in.

Hymn words Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson FFS 57

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
from the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison:
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the peace of Christ be with you all.

A ki a koe anō hoki; and also with you.

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],
may he guide you always.

Offertory Prayer *sung* Doxology CH4 807

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

Lenten Story Series – Acts of Compassion, *Meegan Cloughley*

Bible Reading *Romans 4:1-5 and 13-17*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Father Abraham, Mother Sarah

Communion Hymn words Marnie Barrell FFS 55,
tune *Kingsfold* WOV 500

Relentless lover, God in Christ,
who died to set us free,
unswerving as your love for us
may our commitment be:
to come and learn what courage means,
and take the challenge up
to walk with Christ through death to life,
to share his bitter cup.

And when we come, may that fierce love
be tasted, touched and known,
as we who gather round the Cross
meet Christ's death in our own.
God grant we shall not fear to drink
his cup, the blood he shed,
nor let our hands, unwounded, shrink
from taking up his bread.

So let the Spirit draw us near
to find, in hope and trust,
his broken body risen here,
his life renewed in us;
life given, life received again
in thousandfold increase;
he lives, and sends us out to be
his living gift of peace.

Invitation

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**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer

...

**Your Spirit calls us now, in this place,
to gather all people into our celebration,
to help the lame and the blind and the anxious,
to wipe away the tears of those who grieve
with an outstretched hand.**

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Distribution

Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.

We have gluten-free bread and use unfermented grape juice.

Prayer

Let us give thanks.

We give thanks, O God,

**because in your own free gift of love
you have reached out to us.**

**You have refreshed us at your table,
touched our deepest needs,**

and called us to a life shared in memory and hope.

Send us forth with courage and joy

in the name of Jesus Christ,

**that we too may become bread and peace
for one another and the world. Amen.**

Hymn words and music by Colin Gibson HIOS 82

Just a mustard seed of faith will do

to plant a fruiting tree

in the salt and bitter sea;

just a mustard seed will do.

there are orchards waiting there

to be born to ocean air;

set them growing fresh and green.

Just a tiny mustard seed,

that is all the faith we need

to transform our daily scene.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do
to remove a mountain side,
toss it far into the tide;
just a mustard seed will do.
There are pathways to be made,
there are highways to be laid:
see them stretching far away.
Just a tiny mustard seed,
that is all the faith we need
to create an open way.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do.
Watch it grow into a tree
standing tall for all to see;
just a mustard seed will do.
In its canopy and shade
birds may shelter, nests be made;
plant the seed and clear the ground.
Just a tiny mustard seed,
that is all the faith we need
to turn the world around.

Benediction words Shirley Murray, tune *Stafford* FFS 29

God speed you on your way,
safe keep you every day,
give you wing, cause to sing,
all this we wish and pray.

God give you space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.

God lead you to the new,
places and points of view,
roads to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through!

*After the service, please place your empty communion glass
in the container on the trolley at the back of the hall.*

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service.

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Music: David Murray **Readings:** Rudie Tomlinson

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Flowers: Julie and Harriet Mander

Morning Tea: Jane Millichamp and Marian Weaver

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 8 March

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Michael Ovens **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Hamish Spencer **Prayers:** Benjamin Thew

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Flowers: Julie and Harriet Mander

Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events,
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or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

8 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
11 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 March ~ Friday	Material due for April <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
23 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
26 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 March ~ Palm Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
5 April ~ Easter Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 April ~ Easter Monday	Public holiday
8 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jay Robinson
19 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 April ~ Monday	Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
23 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 April ~ Saturday	ANZAC Day
26 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
27 April ~ Monday	Public holiday

