

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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28 April 2024 – Easter 5

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.*



Icon of Christ the True Vine (late 20th century), Dormition Convent, Parnes, Greece, based on icon by Angelos Akotantos (1390-1457) at Malles, Hierapetra (see John 15:1-5).

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

Nau mai ki tēnei whare karakia o tatou.

Welcome to this church of ours.

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. *The Lord be with you*

Mā Ihowā koe a manaaki. *The Lord bless you.*

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

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.

Chat Time Friends II

Children's Hymn words and music © Cecily Sheehy AA 111

One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia,
one, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia,
one, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia!
Praise to you, our God.

Our God lives with us, alleluia,
making all things new, alleluia,
sharing in our lives, alleluia!
Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)
One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

Gifts of love God brings, alleluia,
filling us with joy, alleluia,
peace and goodness too, alleluia!
Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)
One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

Kindness is God's gift, alleluia,
patience will come too, alleluia,
if we wait in love, alleluia!
Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)
One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

By our love we show, alleluia,
how we live and grow, alleluia,
caring for each one, alleluia!
Praise to you, our God. (*boom, boom, boom*)
One, two, three (*clap, clap*) alleluia ...

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God,
we remember your kindnesses to us,
the ways you have given and given and given.
We bring these gifts
in response to your goodness,
asking that you would bless what they are spent on,
and that you would bless us, also,
as we serve you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
your greatest gift.
Amen.**

Bible Readings

John 15:1-5

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Acts 8:26-31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Back Country Roads

Intercessory Prayer

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.**

Hymn words John L. Bell and Graham Maule, tune *Thainaky* CH4 593

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day.
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies.
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigns.
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love,
and she is the key, opening the Scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

Benediction words Shirley Murray, *Hope Is Our Song* 35

Go gently, go lightly,
go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry
much more than you need:
go trusting God's goodness,
go spreading God's kindness,
stay centred on Jesus
and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing
the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching
for things that are true:
in living, in loving,
whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you
in all that you do.

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall and/or outside after the service – through the door at the back of the church.

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Mark Ranby and Sanel Tomlinson
Music: Abby Smith and John Stenhouse
Readings: Sanel Tomlinson
Prayers: Mark Ranby
Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville
Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton
Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith
Hall Cleaning: Aileen Conboy

Opportunities for ministry week ending 5 May
Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Gregor Macaulay
Music: David Murray
Readings: David Murray
Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer
Morning Tea: Bronwen Strang and Daniel Larsen
Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith
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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

28 April ~ Sunday	After church: Abby's Jam Palace in hall
5 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
7 May ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7 p.m.: Induction service for Presbytery Executive Officer, the Rev. Richard McLean
12 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew
18 May ~ Saturday	1.30-5 p.m.: 'Active Listening' workshop for parish visitors and other interested parishioners, Morrison Lounge; RSVP by 12 May to Philip Somerville if you plan to attend
19 May ~ Sunday Pentecost	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind WEAR SOMETHING RED IF YOU CAN
20 May ~ Monday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
26 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
2 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
3 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
9 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver
12 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 June ~ Friday	Matariki – public holiday
30 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson

Abby's Jam Palace



The Jam Palace will be open for business
in the hall after church today.

