

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

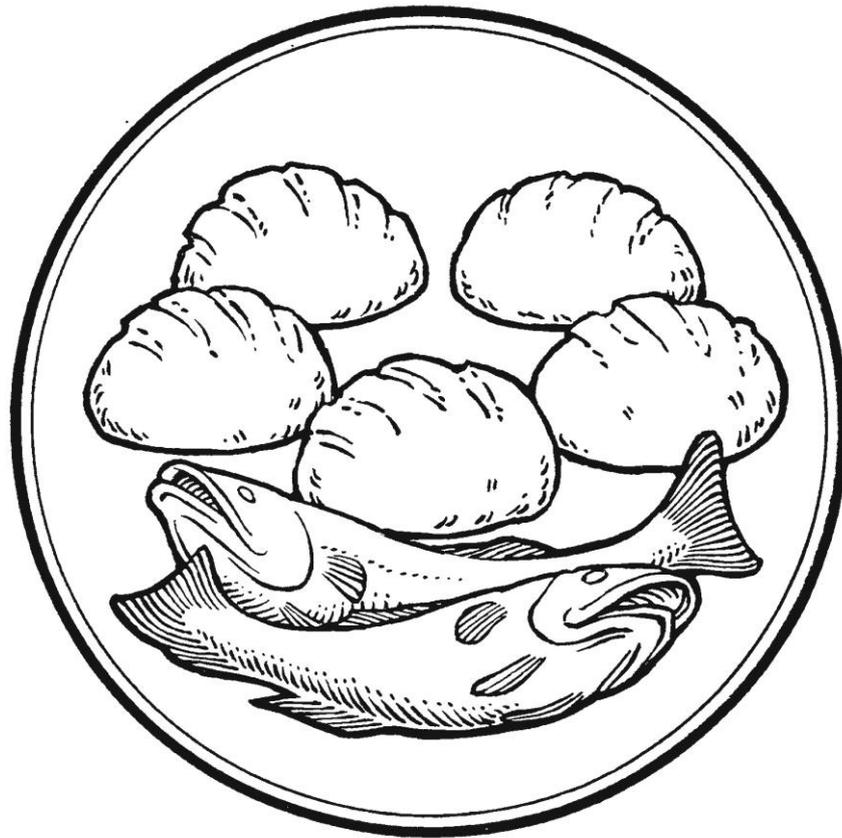
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4 May 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter – Communion

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.*



Luke 9: 15-22

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

We turn from the busyness and clutter of our living
to the one who gifted us with life.

We come from our complicated relationships,
our delicate alliances and negotiated partnerships
to the one who simply offers us love.

Here we are known. Here we are held. Here we are replenished.

Let us worship God together.

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

Hymn WOV 626 Lord of all being, throned afar

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie 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 *Carrots*

Hymn words Shirley Murray alt., verse 1 by Opoho Church kids,
music Jim Strathdee FFS 65

These wings that fly, these tails that splash,
these eyes that spy, these waves that crash,
this earth that spins, these seas so vast,
this star that shines, this time so fast,

this thread I weave, this step I dance,
this stone I carve, this ball I bounce,
this nail I drive, this pearl I string,
this flag I wave, this note I sing,

this pot I shape, this fire I light,
this fence I leap, this bone I knit,
this seed I nurse, this rift I mend,
this child I raise, this earth I tend,

these wings that fly, these tails that splash,
these eyes that spy, these waves that crash,
this earth that spins, these seas so vast,
this star that shines, this time so fast,

this gift I give, this march I join,
this faith I live, this truth I sign,
this is small part, in one small place,
of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Living God we bring these offerings
in response to your goodness to us.**

**Thank you for the light and hope
that has entered our lives
through our relationship with you.**

**May our service and these offerings enable
your light and hope to enter our neighbourhood. Amen.**

Bible Reading *Luke 9:15-22*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the word.

Sermon *'Follow Me'*

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.

Communion

The Story Behind the Meal

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The Lord be with you;

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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And so we join our praise to the praises of heaven and of earth

Holy, holy, holy, 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!

...

He promised to be with those who met in his name:
this we believe.

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people:
this we believe.

He said that in the communion of bread and wine
he would be present to us as we remembered him:
this we celebrate.

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Fraction and Distribution

*Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.
We have gluten-free bread and use unfermented grape juice.*

Prayer

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table.

May the nourishment we have received
enable us to enrich the lives of others
wherever we may go from here.

Whether the future be dark or bright,

the road be smooth or rough,

whether our cares be light or heavy,

our song be strong or weak,

keep our hearts warm and our hands open,

our lives ever embracing

and ever embraced by your love. Amen *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Hymn words and music Sydney Carter CH4 530

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

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.

*As you leave, please place your empty communion glass
in the container on the trolley at the back of the church.*

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
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: Benjamin Thew and Julie Mander **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Bronwen Strang **Sound and Data Projector:** Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Daniel Larsen and Bronwen Strang

Church and Hall Cleaning: Chris Young and Miriam Vollweiler

Opportunities for ministry week ending 11 May

Door Duty: John and Kieran Somerville

Music: Singers and guitarists **Readings:** Simon Rae

Prayers: Mark Ranby **Sound and Data Projector:** Hamish Spencer

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

Church and Hall Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

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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

Listening for a word

Come and join a group of people in the church after morning tea each Sunday in May. We will be using a Lectio process to dig into one of the lectionary readings, listening for a word that emerges for each of us. Every session is stand-alone, so it won't matter if you can make only some of the Sundays.

Mark Ranby and Clare Lind



Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

4 May ~ Sunday	After morning tea: <i>Listening for a word</i> session
6 May ~ Tuesday	7 p.m.: Writers' Group, Marine Science tea room, first floor, 310 Castle Street 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
11 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith After morning tea: <i>Listening for a word</i> session
14 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
18 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, with the Red Cross Choir After morning tea: <i>Listening for a word</i> session
20 May ~ Tuesday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Olivia Dawson After morning tea: <i>Listening for a word</i> session
1 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
2 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
8 June ~ Sunday (Pentecost)	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Greg Hughson 6-8.30 p.m.: <i>Finding New Favourites</i> , a hymnbook sing-along, in church
11 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 June ~ Thursday	12.30 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge – soup kitchen lunch
14 June ~ Saturday	6.30 p.m.: Quiz and dessert night in hall
15 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind 6-8.30 p.m.: <i>Finding New Favourites</i> , a hymnbook sing-along, in church
20 June ~ Friday	Matariki – public holiday Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith and Gregor Macaulay 6-8.30 p.m.: <i>Finding New Favourites</i> , a hymnbook sing-along, in church
26 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson 6-8.30 p.m.: <i>Finding New Favourites</i> , a hymnbook sing-along, in church