

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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24 July 2022 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church. 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 vital quest.



The Cleansing of Naaman, French plaque c.1150-1160, British Museum

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.

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 *Psalm 30:12, Contemporary English Version*

You have turned my sorrow into joyful dancing.

No longer am I sad and wearing mourning.

I thank you from my heart,

And I will never stop singing your praises,

My Lord and my God.

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

Hymn

words Joachim Neander (trans. Robert Bridges, alt.), tune *Groeswen* CH4 192(ii)

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore, from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Day by day the mighty Giver
showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in,
pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at his hand,
joy awaits at his command!

Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

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 *The Thirsty Man* told by Rodaan Al Galidi

Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Stansfield* AA 118

Sing a happy alleluia
Sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

*Alleluia, all creation,
Alleluia everyone,
Alleluia, all creation,
Alleluia everyone!*

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly –

Chorus

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children –
so is life for us enhanced.

Chorus

Every day sing alleluia!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!

Chorus

Please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Lord of all we see, Lord of all we hear,
Lord of all we sense, Lord of all we are,
everything we have is gift from you.
We bring these gifts in thanksgiving
and we bring ourselves as well.
Shape us that we too might be a gift from you
to those around us.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

Lines 1-2 from Fragrant Offering, John Birch

Bible Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14
Galatians 6:7-10

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The General and the Prophet

Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Talavera Terrace* AA 127

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free,

now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer –
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

Intercessory Prayer *followed by*
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 this day 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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. tune WOV 676

Hymn WOV 514 O Jesus, I have promised

Benediction words © Shirley Murray, tune Colin Gibson AA 99

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us,
in all we see, Christ be our focus,
in all we do, Christ's story shape us,
that we may grow to God's good purpose.

Now as we go, sister and brother,
give us good care one of the other,
more hope to share, more strength to gather,
more life to know in faith together.

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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

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Gregor Macaulay and Andrew Smith

Music: David Murray **Readings:** Marian Weaver

Prayers: John Roxborough **Sound and Data Projector:** Abby Smith

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 31 July

Door Duty: Mary and John Somerville **Music:** Music Group

Readings: Mark Ranby **Prayers:** Benjamin Thew

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

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Any changes or additions to events listed here or in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Diary of Coming Events

Physical gatherings may be subject to Covid alert level restrictions.

31 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith After church: Jam Stall in hall
4 August ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge (or via Zoom)
7 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Professor Murray Rae, Communion
10 August ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, via Zoom (see <i>Signal</i> for link) 7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
14 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
18 August ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 August ~ Saturday	Material due for September <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

