

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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2 March 2025 – Transfiguration – Quarterly Communion

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 Transfiguration (1518-1520) (detail)
by Raphael (1483-1520) see Luke 9:28-36

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

Anei te rā o te Atua;
this is the day that the Lord has made.

**Me koa tatou kua mārama;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

Hymn words © Shirley Erena Murray, arr. © John Bell FFS 10(i)

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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

Hymn words and music Bill Bennett (arr. Jillian Bray) FFS 77

Whispering gently the breeze from the mountain
beckons our senses to what it may say;
fresh from the snows that are melted by sunshine,
stirred by the kererū flying away.

*Blue sky, Lord of creation,
freshen our faith,
blossom our love.*

*Deep green, Lord of creation,
springtime of faith,
the Spirit of love.*

Bursting with colour the orchards surround us,
grasses that grow in the warmth of the green;
heralds of gold in the flowers of the kowhai,
nature announces that spring should be seen.

Chorus

Birth of the new is a sign of your Spirit,
God the creator and Jesus our Lord;
lambs on the hillsides and calves on the pastures,
leaping in sunshine and dancing your word.

Chorus

Spirit of hope in the Christ who renews us,
lighten our winter of anguish with spring;
washed with the showers of loving forgiveness,
warmed by the rays of the love that you bring.

Chorus

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 9:28-36*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the word.

Sermon *He Didn't Know What He Was Talking About*

Communion 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.

Preamble

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Filling our lives with love, laughter, and each other,
And joining with all created things to say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

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We ask you to bless this bread and wine,
So that in sharing them together, we shall be your church.

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion

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

Let us pray:

**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.**

Liturgy written and compiled by the Rev. Dr Mark Johnson.

Hymn words and music Graham Kendrick CH4 448

Lord, the light of your life is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with your Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

Benediction WOV 679 Ma te marie a te Atua

As you leave, please place your empty communion glasses 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.

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: Daniel Larsen and Michael Ovens **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Jane Bloore **Sound and Data Projector:** Meegan Cloughley

Flowers: Judy Rodda **Morning Tea:** Shona and Philip Somerville

Church Cleaning: Kirk Hamilton and Judy Rodda

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 9 March

Door Duty: Hamish Spencer and Abby Smith **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Julie Mander **Prayers:** Abby Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer **Flowers:** Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Christine Cleugh and Susan Wall

Church Cleaning: Kirk Hamilton and Judy Rodda

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

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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/>

Coming Events at Opoho Presbyterian Church

9 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Gregor Macaulay, <i>Psalm 23</i>
12 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
20 March ~ Thursday	Material due for April <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
24 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
27 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge (a week later than usual)
30 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
6 April ~ Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
9 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
13 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore
17 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 April ~ Friday	Good Friday – public holiday
20 April ~ Easter Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
25 April ~ Friday	ANZAC Day – public holiday
27 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

