

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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18 May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.*



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

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 Murray, music Douglas Mews AA 54

Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise, Alleluia!

Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth,
who burned for what is right, Alleluia!

And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread, Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again. Alleluia!

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 *Red Cross and Red Crescent Day*

Please stand for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we are rich in resources and possessions.

**May our lives reflect your joyful generosity,
for only then will we be rich in you.**

Bless these offerings

**and the lives that are touched through them,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Red Cross Choir *V.A.D. Prayer* (K. Coles)

Peace Song (Dorothy Buchanan)

Bible Reading *John 13:31-35*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon

Hymn words and music © Colin Gibson *Hope Is Our Song* 88

*Let our love shine out
through the day and in the darkness,
let our love shine out
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the outer and the inner,
for the saint and for the sinner;
in Christ our love be given
For the healing of the world.

*Let our goodwill show
through the day and in the darkness,
let our goodwill show
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the righteous and the wrongful,
for the silent and the songful;
in Christ our will is working
for the healing of the world.

*Let our prayers be heard
through the day and in the darkness,
let our prayers be heard
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the wealthy and the needy,
for the wretched and the greedy;
in Christ our prayers are offered
for the healing of the world.

*Let our deeds be done
through the day and in the darkness,
let our deeds be done
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the same and for the other,
for our sister and our brother,
in Christ our actions focus
on the healing of the world.

*Let our peace be shared
through the day and in the darkness,
let our peace be shared
to the glory of the Lord.*

With the fearful and the fighter,
with the smitten and the smiter;
in Christ all peace be practised
for the healing of the world.

*Let our love shine out
through the day and in the darkness,
let our love shine out
to the glory of the Lord.*

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.**

Red Cross Choir *Look at the World* (John Rutter)
Blessing (Emily Crocker)

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
after the service – through the door at the back of the church.*



**NEW ZEALAND
RED CROSS**

RIPEKA WHEREO AOTEAROA

**This morning, we are pleased
to welcome members of the
New Zealand Red Cross Choir Dunedin
to Opoho Church and to thank them for
their contribution to our worship service.**

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Shona and Philip Somerville
Music: David Murray and Red Cross Choir
Readings: Hamish Spencer
Prayers: Sanel Tomlinson
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer
Church and Hall Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

Opportunities for ministry week ending 25 May

Door Duty: Hamish Spencer and Abby Smith
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: Marian Weaver
Prayers: Marian Weaver
Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Marian Weaver and Susan Wall
Church Cleaning: Michael Ovens
Hall Cleaning: Fiona Stirling

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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

18 May ~ Sunday	After morning tea: <i>Listening for a word session</i>
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 session</i>
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 – wear something red!)	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



