

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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8 March 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.

Even in the deserts of our lives,

God is among us.

Come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Hymn words Henry van Dyke (alt.), tune *Hymn to Joy* WOV 92

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
You our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who love belong to you;
teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.

Prayer

The Peace

May the light shine upon you,
may the calm of this space soothe you,
and may peace be with you all.

And also with you.

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, news, anniversaries, etc.

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],
may he guide you always.

Acts of Compassion – Lenten story series *Mary Somerville*

Chat Time *Mary Somerville*

Song

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody here in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory prayer

**Life-giving God,
we offer you ourselves and our resources.
Use us and our gifts,
that we may be water-bearers
to a world thirsty for love,
for meaning, for justice, and for hope.
May all your people encounter fullness of life
through the love of Christ, which lives within us.
Amen.**

Bible Reading *Psalm 95*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

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 Carl Gustav Boberg, trans. Stuart K. Hine,
tune *How Great Thou Art* WOV 628

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Benediction words Joy Cowley, tune *Marlborough Sounds* AA 95

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us.

May the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service.

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: Meegan Cloughley
Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Michael Ovens
Music: David Murray
Readings: Hamish Spencer
Prayers: Benjamin Thew
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Julie and Harriet Mander
Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer
Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 15 March

Door Duty: Shona and Philip Somerville
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: John Roxborough
Prayers: Andrew Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Judy Rodda
Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton
Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

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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

11 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 March ~ Friday	Material due for April <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
23 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
26 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 March ~ Palm Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
5 April ~ Easter Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 April ~ Easter Monday	Public holiday
8 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jay Robinson
19 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 April ~ Monday	Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
23 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 April ~ Saturday	ANZAC Day
26 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
27 April ~ Monday	Public holiday



