

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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31 July 2022 – Eighth 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 Parable of the Mustard Seed, Luke 13:18-19; 17:5-6

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before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.***

Welcome

Call to Worship

Ata mārie!

Good morning!

Haere mai!

Welcome!

Ka haere tatau ki te karakia.

We gather together to worship.

May the words we speak and hear, the music we make together,
the thoughts we hold, and the emotions we feel,
be about love and be about you, O Lord.

Amen

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

Hymn words Irish, c.8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne,
versified Eleanor Henrietta Hull (alt.), tune *Slane* WOV 455

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We rejoice together in your love and grace

We are forgiven, we are set free.

Praise be to God.

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.

A Story

Hymn words Rae E. Whitney, tune *Hazelnut* CH4 142

A small thing like a hazelnut
lay in my open hand,
and God disclosed three truths to me
that I might understand:

God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care;
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care for it.

I marvelled that this little thing
reveals how God can be
our maker, lover, keeper, now
and for eternity!

God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care;
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care for you!



Until my heart is one with God,
its aching will not cease,
and so I rest, held close by God,
these three truths bringing peace:
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care;
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care for me!

Please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Prayer of Offering

...If the world is better because of us, no matter how little,
we have done your work.

Accept our offerings, Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings

Psalm 107

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 13:18-19; 17:5-6

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Hymn words Katharina von Schlegel, tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick (alt.),
tune *Finlandia* WOV 48

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul; for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer of Intercession

... we sing together

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 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

Thanks

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Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us;
send us out upon our way.

*Lord you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead
who will take away our fear.

Benediction

**May the Lord our God,
Jesus Christ our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit our inspiration and delight
be with us all, today, in the days to come, and all our lives.**

Three-Fold Amen (sung)

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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: Abby Smith

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

Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 7 August

Door Duty: Jenny Bunce and Jane Bloore

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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.

4 August ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
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 elsewhere in this <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
4 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
7 September ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 September ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge (TBC)
11 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Mary Somerville
15 September ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind 7-9 p.m.: DCC candidates' pre-election meeting
19 September ~ Monday	7-9 p.m.: DCC candidates' pre-election meeting
20 September ~ Tuesday	Material due for October <i>Opoho Signal</i>
25 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind