

Opoho Presbyterian Church

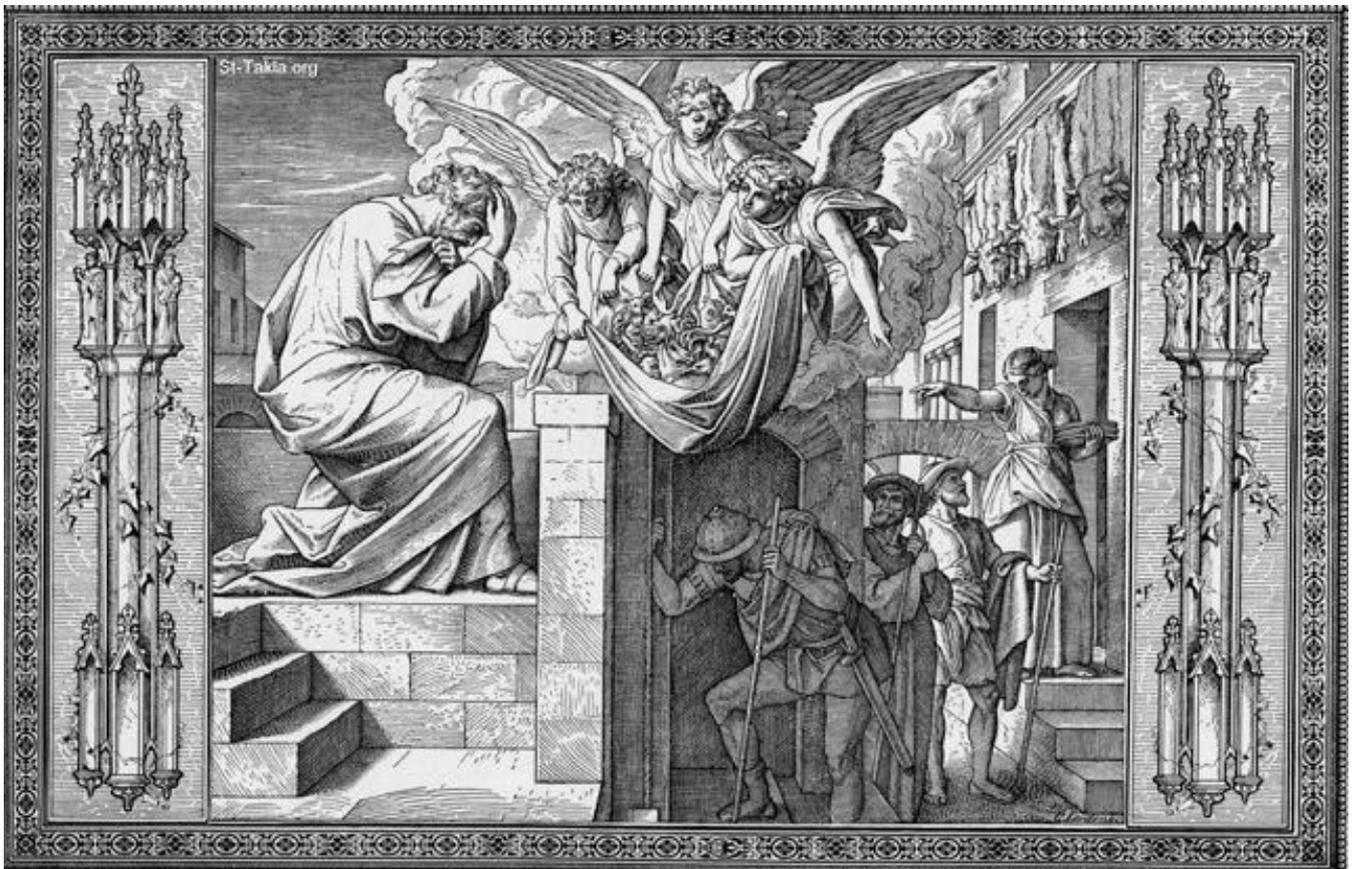
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15 May 2022 – Easter 5

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.



Peter's Vision at Joppa, by Julius Schnorr (1794-1872)

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

‘Let me give you a new command: Love one another.

In the same way I loved you, you love one another.

This is how everyone will recognise that you are my disciples-

When they see the love you have for each other.’

John 13:34-35, The Message

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

Hymn Morning Has Broken WOV 91

Morning has broken

Like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken

Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing,

Praise for the morning,

Praise for them springing

Fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain’s new fall

Sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dewfall

On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness

Of the wet garden,

Sprung from completeness

Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight;

Mine is the morning

Born of the one light

Eden saw play.

Praise with elation,

Praise every morning,

God’s recreation

Of the new day.

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

Poem I Have a Friend

I have a friend who is deeper than the ocean,

I have a friend who is wider than the sky,

I have a friend who always understands me,

Whether I am happy or ready to cry.

Jesus is my friend who is deeper than the ocean,

Jesus is my friend who is wider than the sky,

Jesus is my friend who always understands me,

Whether I am happy or ready to cry.

Susan Sayers

please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,

You have treated us with kindness and love

And we are truly thankful.

Bless these gifts,

May all our living,

Our giving and receiving

Bring glory and honour to you.

We ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Bible Reading Acts 10:44-11:3 & Acts 11:18

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Don't Go Out Your Door

followed by time for reflection

Hymn The Church is Wherever

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
Knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
To live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
Where all are forgiven and start once again,
Where all are accepted, whatever their background,
Whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
To reach out and touch folk wherever they are-
Conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
To challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

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Carol Ikeler, Church Hymnary 522

Intercessory Prayer

...we say together

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.

Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of Sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save,
I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, it is I, Lord,
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus.

Dan Schutte, Church Hymnary 251

Benediction HIOS 35 Go Gently, Go Lightly, Shirley Murray

Go gently, go lightly,
Go safe in the Spirit,
Live simply, don't carry
Much more than you need:
Go trusting God's goodness,
Go spreading God's kindness,
Stay centred on Jesus
And where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing
The gifts of the Spirit,
Go hopefully searching
For things that are true:
In living, in loving,
Whatever befalls you,
God keep you; God bless you
In all that you do.

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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: Shona and Philip Somerville

Music: Singers and guitarists

Readings: Andrew Smith

Prayers: John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Morning Tea (if held): Christine Cleugh and Bronwen Strang

Church Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 22 May

Door Duty: Benjamin Thew and Abby Smith

Music: Music Group

Readings: Abby Smith

Prayers: Mark Ranby

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Morning Tea (if held): Marian Weaver and Jane Bloore

Church Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Parish Clerk: Hamish Spencer 021 279 7986 opohoclerk@gmail.com

Minister: The Rev. Clare Lind 021 0276 1962 opohominister@gmail.com



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.

19 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 May ~ Friday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 May ~ Saturday	Tree planting (10 a.m.) and picnic (12 noon) at Fiona and Henrik's at Tumai
29 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver, Jane Bloore preaching
5 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 June ~ Monday	Queen's Birthday observance – public holiday
8 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Christian Development Committee
16 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
19 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 June ~ Monday	Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
24 June ~ Friday	Matariki – public holiday
26 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

Forestry and Fellowship



Tree planting and picnic at Fiona and Henrik's at Tumai on **Saturday 28 May**. Tree planting begins at 10 a.m. and the picnic at 12 noon. Please let Fiona or Clare know if you are intending to come. Everyone is welcome even if you aren't up to planting trees.