

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**17 September 2023 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

*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.*

*The service will focus on the 175th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Otago, recognising also that it is Māori Language Week.*

## **Call to Worship**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. God bless you.**

Looking back, we receive gifts from our past.

**Looking forward, we seek to follow God's leading.**

Looking around, we celebrate God's presence with us now,

**present to us in the cultures, languages and histories of our land.**

We gather to worship the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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

**Hymn** words Marty Haugen, tune *Gather us in* CH4 623

Here in this place, new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away.

See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,

brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken.

Gather us in – the blind and the lame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery.

We are the old – who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history,

called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty.

Gather us in – the proud and the strong.

Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,

give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;

here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,

call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion.  
Give us to eat the bread that is you.  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place, the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in – and hold us forever.  
Gather us in – and make us your own.  
Gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **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** Abby Smith

**Hymn** arr. Nicola and Guy Jansen, tune *Kum By Ya* AA 31

E te Atua aroha mai, (x3) [O God love us – *forever and ever*]

*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

E te Atua manaaki mai, (x3) [O God bless us – *forever and ever*]

*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

E te Atua awhina mai, (x3) [O God help us – *forever and ever*]

*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

*Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.*

## **Offertory Prayer**

**An Eco Talk** Benjamin Thew

## **Bible Readings**

*Isaiah 61:1-4*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Luke 9:1-6*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to Christ the Word.**

**Sermon** *A cloud of witnesses*

**Hymn** words and music © Colin Gibson AA 85

*Let justice roll down like a river,  
let justice roll down like a sea,  
let justice roll down like a river,  
let justice begin through me.*

Justice for all who go hungry,  
crying to God to be fed,  
left in a world of abundance,  
to beg for a morsel of bread.

Justice for all who are homeless,  
victims of warfare or need,  
trapped on the borders of nowhere,  
lost in the canyons of greed.

Justice for all who are powerless,  
yearning for freedom in vain,  
plundered, robbed of their birthright,  
silently bearing their pain.

**Intercessory Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer in te reo Māori

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

**ki runga ki te whenua,**

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āiane**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**me mātou hoki e muru nei**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,**

**te kaha,**

**me te korōria,**

**āke āke āke. Āmine.**

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come,*

*your will be done*

*on earth,*

*as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today*

*our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins*

*as we forgive those*

*who sin against us.*

*Save us from temptation*

*and deliver us from evil*

*for yours is the kingdom,*

*the power,*

*and the glory,*

*forever and ever. Amen.*

## Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Dunedin* by Vernon Griffiths AA 155

Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri's reach,  
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

### **Benediction**

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa  
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki,  
o Ihu Karaiti  
me te aroha o te Atua  
me te whiwhinga tahitanga  
ki te Wairua Tapu, ake, ake.  
Āmine**

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
rest on us all for ever and ever. Amen*



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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea  
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall after the service –  
through the door at the back of the church.*

**Today's service was brought to you by**  
**Leading the Service:** The Rev. Dr Kerry Enright  
**Door Duty:** Abby Smith and Daniel Larsen  
**Music:** David Murray  
**Readings:** Maurice Andrew  
**Prayers:** Benjamin Thew  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Benjamin Thew  
**Flowers:** Shona Somerville  
**Morning Tea:** Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton  
**Church Cleaning:** Fiona Stirling  
**Hall Cleaning:** Christine Cleugh

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 24 September**

**Door Duty:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson  
**Music:** Music Group  
**Readings:** Jane Bloore  
**Prayers:** Daniel Larsen  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Hamish Spencer  
**Flowers:** Shona Somerville  
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