

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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5 May 2024 – Easter 6 – Communion

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.*



Illustration from *Treasures of the Bible*
by Henry Davenport Northrop, 1894
(Acts 11:1-18)

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

We meet in the presence of God,
who knows our needs, hears our cries,
feels our pain, and heals our wounds,
and brings us into community.

**Thanks be to God
for his kindness and love.**

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

Hymn WOV 10 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie 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

Children's Hymn words Clare Lind, tune *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

If you're trying to impress,
exaggeration leads to mess.
Always stick to what is true,
it's the best thing you can do.
While it might seem good to boast,
people like the truth the most.

When you're wondering what to say,
when you'd rather run away,
always stick to what is true,
it's the best thing you can do.
When you're feeling scared or weak
it's the truth you need to speak.

When your knees have turned to jelly,
butterflies inside your belly,
always stick to what is true,
it's the best thing you can do.
Truth will make you strong inside,
you'll be glad you haven't lied.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God, we ask your blessing on these gifts,
on us who give them,
and on those who benefit from them.**

**We ask your blessing
on the work of our community here,
and on the work of the other churches of this city;
help us to serve you faithfully and well,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Bible Reading *Acts 11:1-18*

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

Sermon

Communion 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.*

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Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

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.**

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Gather your whole church, O Lord,
into the glory of your kingdom.
**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Living God, now and forever. Amen.**

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Breaking of the bread and distribution

*Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.
We use gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice.*

Prayer

**We bless you, O God,
for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope,
every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength
to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you
lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

from The Worship Source Book, pp 318, 321-2, 325,346

Hymn words by Shirley Murray. Tune *Leonard* by Ian Render AA 153

When we lift our pack and go,
when we seek another country
moving far from all we know,
when we long to journey free,
*God is in the other place,
God is in another's face,
in the faith we travel by,
God is in the other place.*

Through the loneliness of night,
through the stars uncharted spaces,
not a sparrow falls in flight
but a loving God will care:

Chorus

Sons and daughters must depart,
friends will go on other journeys,
only constant is the heart
that can trust its God to be:

Chorus

In the hands outstretched to greet,
through the open door of strangers
there is love we yet can meet
and believe that Christ is there:

Chorus

Benediction words Ian Jamieson, tune *Ae Fond Kiss* CH4 786

May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace.

Sung Amen

*As you leave, please place your empty communion glasses
in the container on the trolley at the back of the church.*

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall and/or outside 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. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Gregor Macaulay
Music: David Murray **Readings:** David Murray
Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer
Morning Tea: Bronwen Strang and Daniel Larsen
Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith
Hall Cleaning: Aileen Conboy

Opportunities for ministry week ending 12 May
Door Duty: Mark Ranby and Kieran Somerville
Music: David Murray **Readings:** Mark Ranby
Prayers: John Roxborough
Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Marian Weaver
Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang
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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

7 May ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7 p.m.: Induction service for Presbytery Executive Officer, the Rev. Richard McLean
12 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew After church: Talking with Taonga study series
18 May ~ Saturday	1.30-5 p.m.: 'Active Listening' workshop for parish visitors and other interested parishioners, Morrison Lounge; RSVP by 12 May to Philip Somerville if you plan to attend
19 May ~ Sunday Pentecost	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind WEAR SOMETHING RED IF YOU CAN After church: Talking with Taonga study series
20 May ~ Monday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
26 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind After church: Talking with Taonga study series
2 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
3 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
9 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver After church: Talking with Taonga study series
12 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind After church: Talking with Taonga study series
20 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 June ~ Friday	Matariki – public holiday
30 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson