

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

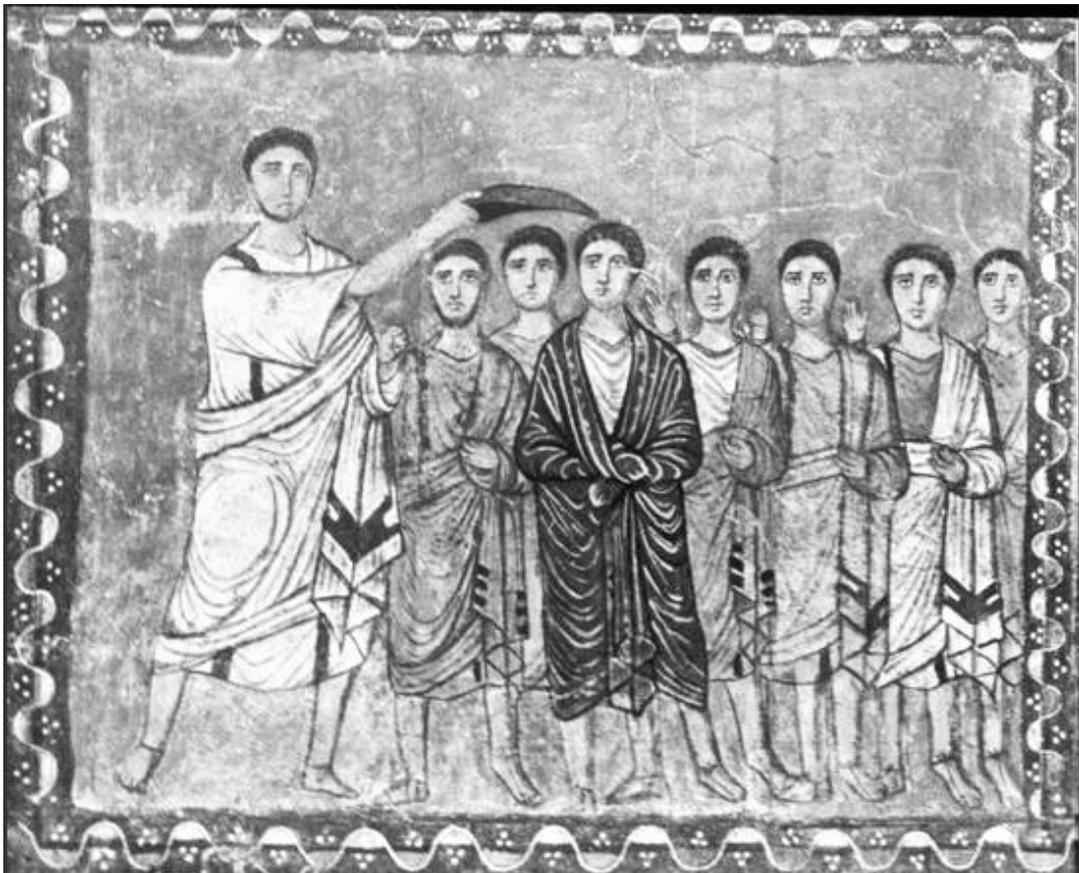
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22 March 2026 – 5th Sunday in Lent

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.*



Samuel Anoints David, 3rd-century wall painting from the Dura-Europos Synagogue, Syria

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

He korōria ki te Atua. *Salute to God.*
He maungārongo ki te whenua. *Peacefulness to the land.*
He whakaaro pai ki te tangata. *Good will to the people.*
Ka haere tatau ki te karakia. *Let us go to worship.*

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

Hymn words and music © Colin Gibson AA 72

In this familiar place I know the mystery of your grace.
*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*

In halting song and word the music of your voice is heard.

Among these friends of mine I taste the company divine.

Within this narrow sphere I learn that you are everywhere.

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

Please stand 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.
Help us to serve you faithfully and well,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Acts of Compassion – Lenten Story Series *Jenny Bunce*

Bible Reading *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

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

Sermon

Hymn African-American spiritual, tune *Sojourner* CH4 539

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Intercessory Prayer

followed by the Lord's Prayer (overleaf)

The Lord's Prayer*(sung)*

(music by Richard Gillard and John Smith, arr. Guy Elwyn Jansen WOV 676)

Our Father in heaven, holy 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.

Hymn words and music Sydney Carter CH4 530

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Benediction 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.

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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: The Rev. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Julie Mander and Daniel Larsen

Music: Singers and guitarists

Readings: Benjamin Thew **Prayers:** Sanel Tomlinson

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Flowers: Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Christine Cleugh and Jane Bloore

Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 29 March

Door Duty: Marian Weaver and Benjamin Thew

Music: David Murray

Readings: Christine Cleugh **Prayers:** Abby Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Flowers: Shona and Somerville

Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Hall Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

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Keeping in Touch

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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

