

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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7 May 2023 – 5th Sunday of Easter – 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.*

BY THIS ALL PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT
YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE

love

FOR ONE ANOTHER

John 13:35

IF
EQUIP

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 maungorongo ki te whenua (Peacefulness to the land)
He whakaaro pai ki te tangata (Good will to the people)
Ka haere tatau ki ti karakia (Let us go to worship)

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

Hymn Christ Before Me

Christ before me, Christ behind me
Christ above me and below
Christ beside me, Christ within me
Christ around me where'er I go.

*Everything is sacred, everything is blessed
Everyone made worthy to find their holy rest
Everyone belongs here, everyone is loved
Every life that's failing grace will lift above.*

Christ before you, Christ behind you
Christ above you and below
Christ beside you, Christ within you
Christ around you where'er you go.
Chorus

Christ before us, Christ behind us
Christ above us and below
Christ beside us, Christ within us
Christ around us where'er we go
Chorus

Malcolm Gordon

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 He's Got the Whole World in his Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the itsy bitsy baby in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands. .x3

He's got the whole world in his hands.

please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, thank you for giving

yourself to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us to give ourselves in response.

Take these gifts and bless their use,

That they may bring light and love

To the lives they touch,

As you have brought light and love to ours. Amen

Bible Reading *John 13:31-35 & John 14:1-14*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon

Communion Hymn The Great Love of God *words* WOV 105

The great love of God
Is revealed in the Son
Who came to this earth
To redeem every one.

That love, like a stream
Flowing clear to the sea,
Makes clean every heart
That from sin would be free.

It binds the whole world,
Every barrier it breaks,
The hills it lays low,
And the mountains it shakes.

It's yours, it is ours,
O how lavishly given!
The pearl of great price,
And the treasure of heaven.

Introduction and prayer

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But you are also alongside us as we walk into that future
And as we are changed by it.

*To walk with you is to have our lives changed,
Not so that we become unrecognisable,
But so that we become more truly ourselves.
No longer at odds with you,
No longer at odds with ourselves,
No longer at odds with our brothers and sisters,
Held by you and made whole by you.*

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Fraction.

Distribution

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.*

Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

WOV 131

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Lord of all creation,
Jesus, of God and man the son;
You will I cherish,
You will I honour,
You are my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers,
Fairer still the children,
In all the freshness of youth arrayed;
Yet is their beauty
Fading and fleeting;
Lord Jesus, yours will never fade.

Fair is the moonlight,
Fairer still the sunshine,
Fair is the shimmering starry sky:
Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines clearer
Than all the heavenly host on high.

All fairest beauty
Heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, in you is found;
None can be nearer,
Fairer or dearer
Than you, my Saviour, to me bound.

Benediction	Te Aroha	
	Te Aroha	<i>love</i>
	Te Whakapono	<i>faith</i>
	Me te Rangimarie	<i>and peace</i>
	Tātou tātou e.	<i>to all.</i>

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 after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

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: Mark Ranby and Andrew Smith
Music: David Murray
Readings: Maurice Andrew
Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Pam and Meegan Cloughley
Church Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder
Hall Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Opportunities for ministry week ending 14 May
Door Duty: Benjamin Thew and Shona Somerville
Music: David Murray
Readings: Bronwen Strang
Prayers: Abby Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Church Cleaning: Michael Ovens
Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

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Coming Events at Opoho Presbyterian Church

7 May ~ Sunday	11.15 a.m.: Art-Based Contemplation Series
10 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
14 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew 11.15 a.m.: Art-Based Contemplation Series
17 May ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms and Prose – a friendly writing group, 310 Castle Street
18 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 May ~ Saturday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind 11.15 a.m.: Art-Based Contemplation Series
27 May ~ Saturday	11 a.m.: Presbyterian Archives Open House
28 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind After church: Abby's Jam Palace
4 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
5 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
7 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
11 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Paul Ranby
15 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 June ~ Tuesday	Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
25 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Olivia Dawson