

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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10 May 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter, Mothering Sunday

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.*



*The Finding of the Saviour in the Temple (1854-1860)
by William Holman Hunt (1827-1910, English)*

Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Foodbank 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.*

Welcome

Greeting

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Red Cross Choir *VAD Prayer* (K. Coles)

Call to Worship

Today we celebrate families,
and the mothers who nurture them.

Today we celebrate discipleship,
and the church that nurtures us.

We offer our humble praise and thanksgiving this day in this place.
**As we gather together, your people, listening for your voice in
what is said, sung and reflected upon during our time of worship.**
Let us worship God.

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

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, music © David Dell AA 94(i)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Prayer

Kia inoi tatou, let us pray,

Nurturing God, we light this candle
in recognition of the great care and love
you have for each one of us.

Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

Nurturing God,
we light this candle in thanksgiving for all mothers,
for all they do, or once did,
for all they give, or once gave
and for all they mean and will always mean.

Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

Nurturing God,
we light this candle for all families throughout the world.

Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

Nurturing God,
we light this candle for the family of the Church,
here and everywhere.

Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

Nurturing God,
we light this candle for all who nurture and encourage others.

Nurturing God, we praise and thank you.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
(Matthew 5:9).

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, news, anniversaries, etc.

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, you gather us together as a Mother Hen gathers her chicks. We give thanks for all who have shown us maternal care – our own mothers, carers, and friends.

As we offer these gifts, we bring you our gratitude, our service, and our love. Nurture us in your care and help us to pay that love forward to a world in need.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Red Cross Choir *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Dorothy Buchanan)
It is Well With My Soul (arranged by Lynn Hall)

Gospel Reading *Luke 2: 40-52*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, tune *Bronwen* © Ian Render AA 158

Who is my mother?

who is my brother?

All those who gather round Jesus Christ:

Spirit-blown people

born from the Gospel

sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled,
differently labelled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas,
cultures' enigmas
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us –
colour or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human derailings,
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ.
Here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, round Jesus Christ.

Intercessory Prayer

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 words Martin Rinkart, translated Catherine Winkworth (alt.),
tune *Nun Danket*, Johann Crüger CH4 182

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven –
the Father and the Son,
and Spirit – now be given:
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The Grace (*said to each other*)

**May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all now and always. Amen.**

Red Cross Choir *May the Lord, Mighty Lord Bless and
Keep You Forever, tune Edelweiss*



**This morning, we are pleased to
welcome members of the New Zealand
Red Cross Choir Dunedin to Ōpoho
Church and to thank them for their
contribution to our worship service.**

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by ...

Leading the Service: Benjamin Thew

Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Music: David Murray

Readings: Andrew Smith

Prayers: Marian Weaver

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Marian Weaver

Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith

Hall Cleaning: Daniel Larsen

Opportunities for ministry week ending 17 May

Door Duty: Benjamin Thew and Daniel Larsen

Music: Alan Baker

Readings: Simon Rae

Prayers: Andrew Smith

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith

Hall Cleaning: Daniel Larsen

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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

10 May ~ Sunday	After morning tea: lectio divina*
13 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
14 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
17 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Mary Somerville*
20 May ~ Wednesday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
24 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind*
28 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
31 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew*
1 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
5 June ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
7 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
10 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
11 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
14 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew
20 June ~ Saturday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
28 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

* *Listening to the Word* – on the Sundays in May, after church and morning tea, Mark Ranby and Clare Lind will be leading another lectio divina, using passages from Paul's letter to the Philippian church.

