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1 February 2026 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
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.*



Matthew 5: 1-12

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

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,	<i>Brothers and sisters in Christ,</i>
ngā mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa.	<i>warm greetings to you all.</i>
Kia ora tatou.	<i>Hello to you all.</i>
Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou.	<i>The Lord be with you.</i>
Mā Ihowā koe a manaaki.	<i>The Lord bless you.</i>

We sing as the Bible is carried in.

Hymn words and music David Evans CH4 189

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace,
No work too hard for him – in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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, 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

Hymn words Kilian de Lacy, tune *Bunessan* WOV 91

God, ever loving, your Word is truthful,
written to teach us, spoken to guide.
help us to hear you, then as we listen,
touch our hearts' hardness, conquer our pride.

Open our hearts, Lord, make us hear truly;
set free our minds from things dark and ill;
touch our hearts' longings, show us the right path,
and with your love, our emptiness fill.

Praise for the power your holy Word gives,
guiding our living, shielding from strife.
Lord, as we thank you, hearts full of wonder,
your Word eternal leads us to life.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God,
for the good that you are to this community,
and for the good that you do
through this community,
we give you thanks.
Bless our offering of these gifts
and our offering of our service,
that each may work your good,
we ask in the name of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Bible Reading *Matthew 5:1-12*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon *Beatitudes*

Communion Hymn words Michael Perry, tune Ian Render FFS 3

As we walk along beside you,
and we hear you speak of mercy,
then it seems our hearts are burning,
for we find you in the sharing of the word.

As we ask that you stay with us,
and we watch what you are doing,
then our eyes begin to open,
for we see you in the breaking of the bread.

As we reach for you believing,
and we go to love and serve you,
then our live will be proclaiming
that we know you in your rising from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
for we see you in the breaking of the bread.

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Come and be satisfied with the blessing
Of God's loving kindness towards you.

**Lord Jesus, we come to you not because it is the thing to do,
but because we have been stirred by your grace and truth,
and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in you.**

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts;
we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

Breaking of the Bread and Distribution

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

Prayer

**Lord God, Creator of light,
at the rising of your sun each morning
let the greatest of all lights – your love –
rise, like the sun, shine within our hearts. Amen.**

Hymn words Shirley Murray (alt.), verse 1 by Opoho Church kids,
music Jim Strathdee FFS 65

These wings that fly, these tails that splash,
these eyes that spy, these waves that crash,
this earth that spins, these seas so vast,
this star that shines, this time so fast,

this thread I weave, this step I dance,
this stone I carve, this ball I bounce,
this nail I drive, this pearl I string,
this flag I wave, this note I sing,

this pot I shape, this fire I light,
this fence I leap, this bone I knit,
this seed I nurse, this rift I mend,
this child I raise, this earth I tend,

this gift I give, this march I join,
this faith I live, this truth I sign,
this is small part, in one small place,
of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

Benediction

Te aroha,	<i>Love,</i>
te whakapono,	<i>faith,</i>
me te rangimarie	<i>and peace</i>
tātou tātou e.	<i>to all.</i>

***After the service, please place your empty communion glass
in the container on the trolley at the back of the hall.***

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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 Bronwen Strang
Music: David Murray
Readings: Julie Mander
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Flowers: Fiona Stirling
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Opportunities for ministry week ending 8 February
Door Duty: Jenny Bunce and Daniel Larsen
Music: David Murray
Readings: Daniel Larsen
Prayers: John Roxborough
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Flowers: Fiona Stirling
Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville
Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

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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

6 February ~ Friday	Waitangi Day – public holiday
8 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew
10 February ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 February ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 February ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 February ~ Friday	Material due for March Ōpoho Signal
22 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Harvest Thanksgiving
26 February ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
1 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
6 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
8 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
11 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
15 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 March ~ Friday	Material due for April Ōpoho Signal
22 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
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

