

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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9 March 2025 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 23 Spoken and Sung

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.*



*Christ the Good Shepherd, stained glass window,
First Presbyterian Church, Invercargill*

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.*

Welcome and Introduction

followed by a setting of Psalm 23 from Requiem by John Rutter (born 1945); the text is from the 1928 US Book of Common Prayer:

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Call to Worship (Psalm 23 in the Good News Bible, 1976)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I have everything I need.

He lets me rest in fields of green grass

and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths,

as he has promised.

Even if I go through the deepest darkness,

I will not be afraid, Lord,

for you are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

You prepare a banquet for me,

where all my enemies can see me;

you welcome me as an honoured guest

and fill my cup to the brim.

I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life;

and your house will be my home as long as I live.

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

Hymn words Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) alt.,
tune *Dominus Regit Me* WOV 81 (i)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestowing;
and O, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Parable (Luke 15: 4-7) and Prayer

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all;
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 *Psalm 23*

Hymn WOV 16 (i) The Lord's my shepherd

(words from Scottish Psalter 1650; tune *Crimond*)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Gracious God, you have given generously to us
and in return we bring these gifts for the work of your Church
in this place and further afield.**

We ask that they may be used wisely in your service.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Bible Readings

Psalm 23 (The Authorised Version)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

John 10:1-6, 11-18

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

About Psalm 23

Hymn words by Gregor Macaulay (2010); tune *Brother James's Air* CH4 16

Just as a shepherd guards his sheep,
my God looks after me,
directs me to the safest way,
and gives security.

He rescues me if I should stray
and keeps me company.

And even when the world seems dark
and hope is hard to see,
his guiding presence gives me strength
and sure security.

With him at hand I need not fear
the strongest enemy.

God's goodness will fill all my days
with constant certainty;
his help and mercy never fail:
they give security;
and ever in his house of life
a place is kept for me.

Intercessory Prayer from *Grant Us Your Peace* by David R. Grant

The 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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tune *St Columba* WOV 81 (ii)

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Benediction

Te aroha. *Love,*
te whakapono, *faith,*
me te rangimarie *and peace*
tātou tātou e. *to all.*

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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: Gregor Macaulay

Door Duty: Hamish Spencer and Abby Smith **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Julie Mander **Prayers:** Abby Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer **Flowers:** Shona Somerville

Morning Tea: Christine Cleugh and Susan Wall

Church Cleaning: Kirk Hamilton and Judy Rodda

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 16 March

Door Duty: Julie Mander and Gregor Macaulay

Music: Singers and guitarists **Readings:** Christine Cleugh

Prayers: Mark Ranby **Sound and Data Projector:** Judy Rodda

Flowers: Judy Rodda **Morning Tea:** Jane Bloore and Daniel Larsen

Church Cleaning: Susan Wall **Hall Cleaning:** Andrew Smith

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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 Opoho Presbyterian Church

12 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
20 March ~ Thursday	Material due for April <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
24 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
27 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge (a week later than usual)
30 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
6 April ~ Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
9 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
13 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore
17 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 April ~ Friday	Good Friday – public holiday
20 April ~ Easter Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
25 April ~ Friday	ANZAC Day – public holiday
27 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

