

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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18 October 2020 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

*Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church.
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 vital quest.*



*A denarius of the Emperor Tiberius
see Matthew 22: 15-22*

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.

*Please consult the worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Please take care – the heating pipes under the pews are very hot and can burn.

Welcome

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

Come, let us adore God.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore God.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come, let us adore God.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

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

Hymn

words John Bell and Graham Maule, tune *Lewis Folk Melody* CH4 510

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where God's people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps each promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other;
Vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
Neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to His table
rooted firm in time and space;
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners;
hosted by our Lord and King.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

...we are forgiven, we are set free. **Thanks be to God**

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

Youth Hymn *Please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer*
words Anna Bartlett Warner (1820-1915) rewritten by David Rutherford
McGuire (1929-1971), melody *Jesus Loves Me* WOV 166

Jesus loves me, this I know
And the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
In his love we shall be strong
*Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Offertory Prayer

Gospel Reading *Matthew 22:15-22*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon *followed by time for reflection*

Hymn *The Summons*, The Iona Community CH4 533

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercessionwe say together

Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.

Hymn words and music © Colin Gibson WOV 636

He came singing *love*

and he lived singing *love*:

he died singing *love*.

He arose in silence.

For the *love* to go on

we must make it our song:

you and I be the singers.

He came singing *faith*

He came singing *hope*

He came singing *peace*

Commissioning

....Let us go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ.

Benediction *with sung Amen*

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Leading the Service: The Rev. Ed Masters

Door Duty: Marian Weaver and Jenny Bunce

Music: Gaynor Haig

Readings: Hamish Spencer

Prayers: Marian Weaver

Flowers: Jenny Roxborough

Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Opportunities for Ministry Week Ending 25 October

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Benjamin Thew

Music: Music Group

Readings: Andrew Smith

Prayers: Andrew Smith

Flowers: Jane Bloore

Morning Tea: Jenny Roxborough and Shona Somerville

Church Cleaning: Jane Bloore

Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Acting Parish Clerk: Philip Somerville 473 886 psomer39@gmail.com

Interim Moderator: The Rev. Ed Masters 027 637 9818

Abby's Jam Stall



As the summer season approaches, Abby Smith will be bringing jam to sell once a month, with all money raised going to the church. If you need jam or preserves, or you have a particular favourite, please feel free to give her a call: 027 606 3552.

Come and Sing for Joy!



Think about joining the Advent Choir this year. You don't have to be a musician or a sight-reader or a trained singer. You don't have to be a regular at church. It's just so much more fun to sing with many voices.

We will practise some Christmas carols in parts, and sing them as part of worship in December. If you're keen, please make sure that Abby Smith, a.k.a. Choir Leader, knows. I usually arrange rehearsals by email. Just send a quick note to abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com, or ring 027 606 3552.

Keeping in Touch

Parish directories with contact details of parishioners are available on the back pew. Please take one if you need it. If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Acting Parish Clerk, Philip Somerville, or email him at psomer39@gmail.com

Any changes or additions to events listed in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Diary of Coming Events

18 October ~ Sunday	Annual Meeting after the service
20 October ~ Tuesday	Deadline for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
25 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
26 October ~ Monday	Labour Day
1 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion, the Rev. Graeme Munro
4 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Ministry Settlement Board, Morrison Lounge
5 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Bible Book of the Month: <i>Philemon</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road
8 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Peter Wishart
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
19 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge

