

# Opoho Presbyterian Church

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**21 February 2021 – First Sunday in Lent**

***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.*



*Christ in the Wilderness: The Scorpion* (1939)  
by Stanley Spencer (1891-1959)  
see Mark 1: 12-13

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.***

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Call to Worship**

**Hymn** words George Herbert, tune *Luckington* WOV 13(ii)

Let all the world in every corner sing

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

his praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout,

no door can keep them out;

but above all the heart

must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

### **Call to Prayer**

### **Prayers of Praise and Confession**

#### **Declaration of Forgiveness and Sharing the Peace**

Leader: Beloved in Christ, be comforted by the forgiving love God has shown to us in Jesus Christ.

E te whanau, be assured, In Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Kia tau te rangimarie o te Karaiti ki runga ki a koutou.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*We exchange greetings with one another in Christ's name.*

**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.

## **Time with the Young People (Chat Time)**

**Hymn** words Sarah Betts Rhodes, tune *Beechwood* WOV 82

God who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
Cares about me.

God who made the grass,  
The flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass,  
Cares about me.

God who made the sun,  
The moon, the stars, is he  
Who when life's clouds come on,  
Cares about me.

God who sent his Son,  
To die on Calvary,  
Has shown how lovingly,  
He cares for me.

## **Bible Readings**

*Genesis 9:8-17*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Mark 1:9-15*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word.**

## Sermon

**Hymn** words Philip Doddridge et al. (alt.), tune *Salzburg* WOV 49

O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
your people still are fed,  
who through this weary pilgrimage  
have all our forebears led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before your throne of grace;  
God of our forebears, be the God  
of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.

O spread your covering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Saviour's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace.

## Prayers for Others

*concluded by the singing of the Lord's Prayer AA 112*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as 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 for ever.

Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

– of our offerings, and of our lives to God’s service.

**Hymn** based on Jude vv. 24-25, music Olive Wood AA 102

Now unto him who is able to keep,  
able to keep you from falling,  
and present you faultless before the presence of his glory,  
with exceeding joy;  
to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty,  
dominion and power both now and forever.  
Amen

## **Benediction** with sung **Amen**

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*It is good to have you worshipping with us today.  
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.*

**Today’s service was brought to you by**  
**Leading the Service:** The Rev. Peter Wishart  
**Door Duty:** Mary and John Somerville  
**Music:** Gaynor Haig  
**Chat Time:** Abby Smith  
**Readings:** Andrew Smith  
**Prayers:** Andrew Smith  
**Flowers:** Jane Bloore  
**Morning Tea:** Daniel Larsen and Jane Bloore  
**Church Cleaning:** Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton  
**Hall Cleaning:** Chris Young

## **Opportunities for Ministry Week Ending 28 February**

**Door Duty:** Andrew Smith and Marian Weaver

**Music:** Music Group

**Readings:** Lena Henderson

**Prayers:** Mark Ranby

**Flowers:** Jane Bloore

**Morning Tea:** Meegan and Pam Cloughley

**Church Cleaning:** Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

**Hall Cleaning:** Chris Young

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

**Interim Moderator:** The Rev. Ed Masters 027 637 9818

### **Prayers, Psalms, and Poems – an Opoho writers' group**



Taking off where the former Psalm-writing group left off, but including a wider range of writings. If you'd enjoy reading and listening to each others' writing in a safe friendly space, do come along. Tuesday **23 February**, 7 p.m. (tea and cookies/biscuits provided), Abby

Smith's house, 50 Grey Street. For more information, please contact Abby Smith: 027 606 3552, [abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com](mailto:abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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/>



## Church Fair – Saturday 15 May

Now is the time to begin sorting and saving all the saleable things – especially clothes and books – that you no longer need. If you need them ‘gone’ sooner put them under the hall stage. If you need help to get them there contact Fiona Stirling (027 483 2028).

### Diary of Coming Events

23 February ~ Tuesday	7 p.m.: Writers’ Group, 50 Grey Street (see previous page)
28 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
5 March ~ Friday	7 p.m.: World Day of Prayer service, in the church
6 March ~ Saturday	9 a.m.-12 noon: Working Bee in church grounds (if wet, postponed to Saturday 13 March)
7 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Graeme Munro, Communion
10 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, 29 Minto Street
11 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Bible Book of the Month: <i>1 Peter</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road ( <i>note change of date from 4 March</i> )
14 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, a service of hymns selected by Parish Councillors
18 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 March ~ Saturday	Material due for April <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, <i>The Christian Year</i> , Gregor Macaulay
22 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
28 March ~ Palm Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson, <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i> 5 p.m.: Children’s service, Mary Somerville



NEW ZEALAND  
**RED CROSS**  
RIPEKA WHERE AOTEAROA

**Red Cross Choir** performance, **Sunday 28 February** at 1 p.m. in the Otago Museum atrium. Sue Gow, from Fellowship Group, has been a member of this choir for 28 years. All welcome.



**WORKING BEE**

**Opoho Church Garden**

**Saturday 6 March 9 a.m.-noonish**

*(if wet, postponed to Saturday 13 March)*

To ensure the grounds look good for the fair, you are invited to be part of a working bee to do a tidy-up of the garden. The more people we have the better it will look. Bring buckets, gardening and pruning tools and gadgets, and gloves. Any queries contact Benjamin Thew 021 049 4264 [benthew3@gmail.com](mailto:benthew3@gmail.com)

