

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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6 June 2021 – Second Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Communion

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.

The Welcome

Call to Worship

On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

We sing our Opening Hymn

words Michael Perry, tune *Thaxted* by Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send
at blessings without number
and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your Word,
we honour and adore you
our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free,
and we through him are
given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Opening Prayers of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sharing the Peace

First Reading *1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20*
This is the Word of God
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading *Mark 3:20-35*
In this is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

A Word with the Children

We sing a Hymn of Supplication

words Charles W. Everest, tune *Hesperus* by Henry Baker

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciples be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Sermon *WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS?*

A Time of Silence for Reflection

We present our Tithes and Offerings

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the Table
and those which wing their way electronically
from our bank to the Church's account

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to participate at the Table

We sing our Communion Hymn

words Delores Dufner, tune *Kilmarnock* WOV 186

I want to be as close to you
as she who gave you birth.
Christ Jesus let my 'yes' like hers,
bring blessings on our earth.

I want to be as close to you
as was beloved John.
Christ, let me follow where you
led,
by trust and friendship drawn.

I want to be as close to you
as Magdalene who went,
proclaiming news of death's defeat,
your first apostle sent.

You want to be as close to me
as mother, brother, friend.
Christ, keep me faithful to your love,
a love that has no end.

Like Mary, John, and Magdalene,
make us disciples true.
Like mother, brother, sister, friend,
Christ, keep us close to you.

The Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you!

And also with you!

Sisters and brothers of Christ,
lift up your hearts to God.

**We open ourselves to the One
who fill us with grace.**

Beloved of the Lord, sing glad praises to God.

Songs of wonder are offered to our God.

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we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you,

God of our hearts.

All creation praises you with words of hope.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes to strengthen our souls.

Hosanna in the highest!

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we speak of that faith in which we believe:

Christ died, showing us the way of obedience

Christ is raised, showing us the way of new life;

Christ will come, showing us your glory.

The sharing of Bread and Wine

Concluding Prayer

We share the Parish News

We sing our Concluding Hymn

words John Fawcett, tune *Dennis* by Hans Nägeli

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other
flows the sympathising tear.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Benediction and the sung Amen

*When the Worship is over the Service begins
Every Christian is a Minister*

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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. Graeme Munro

Door Duty: John and Mary Somerville **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Lena Henderson and John Stenhouse

Morning Tea: Bronwen Strang and Jane Bloore

Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith **Hall Cleaning:** Jane Bloore

Opportunities for ministry week ending 13 June

Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Benjamin Thew

Music: Guitarists and singers

Readings: Daniel Larsen **Prayers:** Mark Ranby

Morning Tea: Meegan and Pam Cloughley

Church Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Hall Cleaning: Meegan Cloughley

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

Interim Moderator: The Rev. Ed Masters 027 637 9818

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 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

7 June ~ Monday	Public holiday – Queen’s Birthday
10 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Bible Books of the Month: <i>2 and 3 John</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road
13 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Olivia Dawson
15 June ~ Tuesday	7 p.m.: Opoho Poems, Prayers, Psalms and Prose writing group, Salmond College Chapel
17 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
27 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
1 July ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Bible Book of the Month: <i>Jude</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road
4 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Graeme Munro, Communion
8 July ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7 p.m.: Service of induction of the Rev. Clare Lind as our new minister
11 July ~ Sunday	9.45 a.m.: People-moving for chapel service at Dunedin Hospital (<i>about four volunteers needed – contact Philip Somerville</i>) 10 a.m.: Worship at Opoho, Support Sunday, the Rev. Clare Lind with Tim Mepham from Presbyterian Support
15 July ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 July ~ Tuesday	Material due for July <i>Opoho Signal</i>
25 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

Writing Group

The next meeting of Opoho Poems, Prayers, Psalms and Prose writing group is at Salmond College Chapel, **15 June at 7 p.m.**

Theme: writings around Pentecost, either by you or that which you haven’t written yourself but has really connected with you.

Everyone welcome!