

# Opoho Presbyterian Church

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**28 February 2021 – Second 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.*



Mark 8: 31-38

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.***

### *Call to worship*

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,  
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us,  
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,  
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practise justice,  
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,  
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us,  
this and every day.**

*We sing* words Elizabeth J. Smith, tune *Picardy* WOV 418

Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.

Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.

Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!  
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.

*We pray – praise and confession*

### *Words of Assurance*

You are set free to live as children of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### *Sharing the peace of Christ*

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Karaiti kia koutou:  
the peace of Christ be with you:

**A ki a koe ano 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* – Follow the leader

### *Children's song* words and music by Brent Chambers AA 70

1. In the presence of your people I will praise your name;  
for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
Let us celebrate your goodness and your steadfast love.  
May your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.
2. (repeat verse 1)
3. Lai – lai – lai.....

### *Offering prayer*

### *Bible Readings*

*Psalm 22:23-31 – read responsively*

Praise the Lord, all you who fear him!

**Honour him, all you descendants of Jacob!**

**Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!**

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.

**He has not turned his back on them,  
but has listened to their cries for help.**

I will praise you in the great assembly.

**I will fulfil my vows in the presence of those who worship you.**

The poor will eat and be satisfied.

**All who seek the Lord will praise him.**

**Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.**

The whole earth will acknowledge the Lord and return to him.

**All the families of the nations will bow down before him.**

For royal power belongs to the Lord.

**He rules all the nations.**

Let the rich of the earth feast and worship.

**Bow before him, all who are mortal,**

**all whose lives will end as dust.**

Our children will also serve him.

**Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.**

His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born.

**They will hear about everything he has done.**      (*New Living Translation*)

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

*Mark 8:31-38*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

*Sermon*

*We sing* words Charles William Everest (alt.), tune *Winchester New* WOV 264

“Take up your cross”, the Saviour said,

“if you would my disciple 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;

your Lord refused not even to die

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.

*We pray – thanksgiving and intercession*

....we sing 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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

WOV 676

*Closing responses*

Jesus calls us to leave the past

**Jesus calls us to hope**

Jesus calls us to travel lightly

**Jesus calls us to faith**

Jesus calls us to live fairly

**Jesus calls us to justice**

Jesus calls us to risky living

**Jesus calls us to life**

*We sing* words © Shirley Murray, tune *Leoni* WOV 53

Community of Christ, who make the Cross your own,  
Live out your creed and risk your life for God alone,  
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,  
Whose children are of every race and every song.

Community of Christ, look past the Church's door  
And see the refugee, the hungry and the poor;  
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,  
Take towel and water, that you wash your neighbour's feet.

Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound –  
Cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round;  
Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy;  
Turn bombs to bread and tears of anguish into joy.

When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,  
The climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun,  
Our currency be love and kindness our law,  
Our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.

***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. Anne Thomson

**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

**Opportunities for Ministry Week Ending 7 March**

**Door Duty:** Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

**Music:** David Murray

**Readings:** Jane Anderson

**Flowers:** Judy Rodda

**Morning Tea:** Bronwen Strang and Marian Weaver

**Church Cleaning:** Bronwen Strang

**Hall Cleaning:** Meegan Cloughley

**Acting 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 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

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 WHERO AOTEAROA

**Red Cross Choir** performance, **Sunday 28 February (today)** 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.



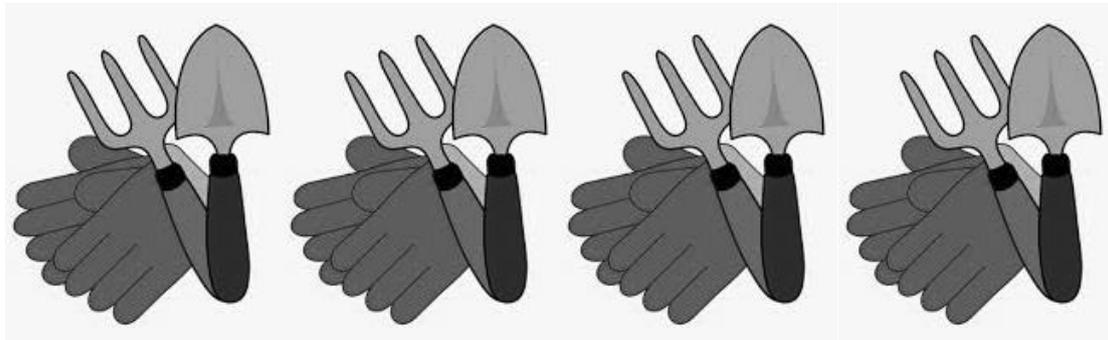
### **WORKING BEE**

**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)



### **World Day of Prayer**



A World Day of Prayer service for North End churches will be held in Opoho Church on Friday 5 March, beginning at 7 p.m. This year's service will be adapted from material prepared by women in Vanuatu. Some strong Opoho singing voices would be appreciated! The service will be followed by supper in the Hall.