

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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23 March 2025 – Third Sunday in Lent

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.*



Luke 13: 1-9

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.*

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,

and your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.

Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts,
be acceptable to you,

O God, our rock and our redeemer!

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

Hymn words John Newton (alt.), tune *Amazing Grace* WOV 56

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
we have already come
'tis grace that brought us safe thus far,
and grace will lead us home.

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 *Abby Smith*

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, tune © Jillian Bray AA 123

Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:
grains of yeast inside the dough,
puffs that fill a big balloon,
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,
God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes.



Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Each of us is a fragile miracle,
evidence of God's creative hands,
and amazing grace.
We are each unique,
unrepeatable gifts to the world.
We are proof of God's love.
And so we, who are the gifts of Creation,
now give gifts to our Creator –
gifts brought in love. Amen.**

Bible Reading *Luke 13: 1-9*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Hymn words and music Deirdre Browne *Together in Song* 693

Come as you are: that's how I want you.

Come as you are; feel quite at home,
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.

Come as you are: why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits;
no need to fear, love never ends;
don't run away shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are: that's how I love you;
come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
all will be well, just come as you are.

Intercessory Prayer

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.**

Hymn Sebastian Temple from the *Prayer of St Francis* CH4 528

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek...

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. *(no refrain)*

Benediction words Joy Cowley, tune *Marlborough Sounds* AA 95

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us.

May the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

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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: Meegan Cloughley
Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Jane Bloore

Music: David Murray

Readings: David Murray **Prayers:** John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Flowers: Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Susan Wall and Bronwen Strang

Church and Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 30 March

Door Duty: John and Kieran Somerville

Music: Alan Baker

Readings: Abby Smith **Prayers:** Daniel Larsen

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Flowers: Sanel Tomlinson

Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

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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 Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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 10 a.m.: Good Friday service, the Rev. Clare Lind
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





The Unfruitful Fig Tree and the Servant's Duty
by Kazakhstan artist Nelly Bube
see Luke 13: 1-9