

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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14 April 2024 – Easter 3

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 24: 36-48

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

Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou: may God be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki: may God bless you.

With joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

We are called to be Easter people.

Darkness cannot claim us.

Fear cannot bind us.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We sing words Bill Wallace, tune *Alive* AA 146

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

We pray

Sharing the peace of Christ

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Karaiti kia 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

We sing words and music by Donald Fishel WOV 674(ii)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,

he is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,

Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ;

now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

We dedicate the offering

Psalm of the Day Psalm 4 read responsively

Answer me when I call to you,

O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people ruin my reputation?

How long will you make groundless accusations?

How long will you continue your lies?

You can be sure of this:

the Lord set apart the godly for himself.

The Lord will answer when I call to him. *continued overleaf*

Don't sin by letting anger control you.
Think about it overnight and remain silent.
**Offer sacrifices in the right spirit,
and trust the Lord.**

Many people say, "Who will show us better times?"

Let your face smile on us, Lord.

You have given me greater joy
than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

**In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.**

Gospel reading Luke 24:36-48

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon

We sing words Shirley Murray, tune *Suantrai* AA16

Christ is our peace, Christ is our health,
he the true Word, his the true wealth –
gifts to be shared by the simple and poor:
peace in your land, peace at your door.

Peace in your mouth, peace in the hands
open to truth, to love's demands:
those who would go with Christ also must bleed –
bright is the flower, burst is the seed.

Who work for peace find the true wealth,
who heal the hurt find their own health –
peace will flow on through the hearts that believe:
this may we know, thus may we live.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

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.**

Sending Out

We sing words John M.C. Crum (alt.), tune *Noël Nouvelet* CH4 417

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again.
Lain in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
he who for three days in the grave had lain.
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again –
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Benediction followed by sung threefold Amen

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall and/or outside
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: Marian Weaver and Julie and Harriet Mander
Music: David Murray
Readings: Gregor Macaulay
Prayers: Marian Weaver
Sound and Data Projector: Meegan Cloughley
Flowers: Allison Mulder
Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Kieran Somerville
Church Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler
Hall Cleaning: Chris Young

Opportunities for ministry week ending 21 April

Door Duty: Hamish Spencer and Benjamin Thew
Music: Abby Smith
Readings: Julie Mander
Prayers: Daniel Larsen
Sound and Data Projector: Judy Rodda
Flowers: Allison Mulder
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

18 April ~ Thursday	7 p.m.: Writing Group, Marine Science tea room, first floor, 310 Castle Street 7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 April ~ Saturday	Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 April ~ Thursday	ANZAC Day – public holiday
28 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind After church: Abby's Jam Palace in hall
5 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
8 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew
16 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 May ~ Saturday <i>(not 4 May as incorrectly advertised in diary of events in Opoho Signal)</i>	1.30-5 p.m.: 'Active Listening' workshop for parish visitors and other interested parishioners, Morrison Lounge; RSVP by 12 May to Philip Somerville if you plan to attend
19 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 May ~ Monday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
26 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind



The fish is an ancient Christian symbol. The Greek letters spelling the word 'fish' are the initial letters of the Greek for 'Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour'.