

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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29 March 2026 – Palm Sunday

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.*



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.

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before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Ata mārie! **Good morning!**

Haere mai! **Welcome!**

Ka haere tatau ki te karakia. **We gather together to worship.**

Hymn

original words Theodulf, Bishop of Orleans (c.820), translated by J.M. Neale, updated here; tune *St Theodulph*, by M. Teschner (1584-1635) WOV 250

All glory, praise, and honour to thee, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising you on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Assurance

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a 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, news, anniversaries, etc.

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],
may he guide you always.

Chat Time Celebration

Children's Song

words Shirley Murray (1931-2020), tune *See Saw Saccara Down*
arranged by Charles Strange from an English folk melody AA 22

Come into the streets with me! Come to where the crowds will be,
see a strange and gentle king on a donkey travelling.

*Come and follow my leader, come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by, come and follow my leader!*

All the people shout his name, waving branches, sing his fame,
throw their coats upon his road, glad to praise the Son of God.

Chorus

If the soldiers draw their swords, will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day, cheer him on, then run away?

Chorus

Jesus goes where things are rough, Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends, so his story never ends.

Chorus

Prayer of Offering

**We have so much, today we give some of it back.
Some will go to help those who don't have enough,
and some will go to support this church
and its work in the community and among us all.
We offer our money, our food, our skills,
our energy and our enthusiasm today, O Lord.
Because you gave them all to us, today we give it back.
Amen**

Acts of Compassion – Lenten Story Series – Abby Mark 5:24-34

Bible Readings

Matthew 21:1-11 *The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem*

(followed immediately by ...)

Luke 19: 28-44 *Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Hymn original words by G.W. Kitchin (1827-1912), words altered by M.R. Newbolt (1874-1956) and then Shirley Murray (1931-2020), tune *Crucifer* by Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947) AA 87

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his glorious name.*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out... [*Refrain*]

Jesus you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life... [*Refrain*]

Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme,
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream... [*Refrain*]

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God... [*Refrain*]

Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity... [*Refrain*]

Reflection About Celebration

Hymn words by H.H. Milman (1791-1868), tune *Winchester New* from Hamburg 1690, adapted by W H Havergal (1793-1870) WOV 264

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered
garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered
sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching
sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power
and reign.

Prayer of Intercession

We sing together **The West Indian Lord's Prayer**

traditional, arranged by John Hendren

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallow-ed-a be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallow-ed-a be thy name.
On the earth as it is in heaven, hallow-ed-a be thy name;
Give us this day our daily bread, hallow-ed-a be thy name.
And forgive us all our trespasses, hallow-ed-a be thy name;
As we forgive those who trespass against us [*pause*], hallow-ed-a be
thy name.
[*loud*] And leave us not to the devil to be tempted, hallow-ed-a be
thy name;
But deliver us from all that is evil, hallow-ed-a be thy name.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, hallow-ed-a be
thy name;
Forever, forever, forever and ever [*pause*], hallow-ed-a be thy name.
[*very loud*] Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallow-ed-a be thy name;
Amen, amen, amen, amen [*pause*], hallow-ed-a be thy name!

Thanks for Service

Song (*sung through twice*) words John Murray, music Cecily Sheehy FFS 71

Whatever is true and honest and good,
whatever has beauty and wisdom,
whatever reveals the face of God,
these will we live by and treasure.

Benediction

**May the Lord our God, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit our delight bless us all,
today, in the days to come, and all our lives.**

Postlude and Singalong Hymn

words by Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910), tune *Battle Hymn* adapted
from traditional American songs WOV 205 (ii) verses 1-3

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service.



Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: Abby Smith
Door Duty: Marian Weaver and Benjamin Thew
Music: David Murray
Readings: Christine Cleugh **Prayers:** Abby Smith
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Flowers: Shona Somerville
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Hall Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

Opportunities for ministry week ending 5 April
Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Jane Millichamp
Music: Music Group
Readings: Shona Somerville
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Flowers: Shona Somerville
Morning Tea: Daniel Larsen and Susan Wall
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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

3 April ~ Good Friday	10 a.m.: Good Friday service, the Rev. Clare Lind
5 April ~ Easter Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 April ~ Easter Monday	Public holiday
8 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
9 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jay Robinson
19 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 April ~ Monday	Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
23 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 April ~ Saturday	ANZAC Day
26 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
27 April ~ Monday	Public holiday
3 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
5 May ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew
13 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
14 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
17 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Mary Somerville
20 May ~ Wednesday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
24 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
28 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
31 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew

