

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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19 April 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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.



The Supper at Emmaus (1601) by Caravaggio (1571-1610)

Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Foodbank 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

He korōria ki te Atua. *Salute to God.*
He maungārongo ki te whenua. *Peacefulness to the land.*
He whakaaro pai ki te tangata. *Good will to the people.*
Ka haere tatau ki te karakia. *Let us go to worship.*

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

Hymn WOV 141 O for a thousand tongues to sing,
tune *Lyngham* CH4 352(2)

Prayer

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

Children's Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Kotuku* AA 113

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,
so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,
but there's never a time ...

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,
but there's never a time ...

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God, we ask your blessing on these gifts,
on us who give them,
and on those who benefit from them.
We ask your blessing on the work of our community here.
Help us to serve you faithfully and well,
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Bible Reading *Luke 24:13-35*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon On the Emmaus Road

Hymn words Iona Community, tune *O Waly, Waly* WOV 453

As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped, he carried on.

'Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel
and now would like to share a meal.'

We sat to eat our simple spread,
then watched the stranger take the bread:
and, as he said the blessing prayer,
we knew that someone else was there.

No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see, in stranger's guise,
the Lord who, risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead!

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 WOV 277 The day of resurrection

Benediction

words Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson, *Hope Is Our Song* 87

Let our earth be peaceful,
let our hearts be hopeful,
let our hands be gentle
for the love of God.

Let our ways be mindful,
mending what is hurtful,
doing what is needful
for the love of God.

Let our lives be fruitful,
beautiful and playful,
every day be thankful
for the love of God.

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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: The Rev. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

Music: Alan Baker

Readings: Sanel Tomlinson

Prayers: Mark Ranby

Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

Church and Hall Cleaning: Jane Bloore and Christine Cleugh

Opportunities for ministry week ending 26 April

Door Duty: Mary and John Somerville

Music: Music Group

Readings: Maurice Andrew

Prayers: John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Morning Tea: Daniel Larsen

Church and Hall Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

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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

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*

*** *Listening to the Word* – on the Sundays in May, after church and morning tea, Mark Ranby and Clare Lind will be leading another lectio divina, using passages from Paul’s letter to the Philippian church.**



Emmaus Song

Jesus joins us on our journey,
our companion on the road,
though the way be long and weary
he sustains and shares the load.

Jesus shares the Gospel with us,
source of faith and hope and love,
crucified Messiah beside us,
risen Lord who reigns above.

Jesus joins us at the table,
shows himself in bread and wine,
feeds the body and the spirit,
nourishes with word and sign.

Spirit of our God burn in us,
fire us with your loving zeal,
as disciples in Emmaus,
guide and teach and feed and heal.



Luke 24:13-35