

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**26 April 2026 – 4th 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.*



*Christ the Good Shepherd, stained glass window,  
First Presbyterian Church, Invercargill*

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** words John Bell and Graham Maule,  
tune *Gaelic Traditional Melody* CH4 510, vv.1-3

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit, who among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

## 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 Thomas Bracken,

tune *God Defend New Zealand* WOV 677

E Ihowā Atua,  
o ngā iwi mātou rā,  
āta whakarangona;  
me aroha noa.  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
kia tau tō atawhai;  
manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa.

God of nations, at thy feet,  
in the bonds of love we meet;  
hear our voices we entreat,  
God defend our free land!  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
from the shafts of strife and  
war,  
make her praises heard afar;  
God defend New Zealand!

Men of every creed and race  
gather here before thy face,  
asking thee to bless this place;  
God defend our free land!  
From dissension, envy, hate  
and corruption guard our state;  
make our country good and  
great,  
God defend New Zealand!

*Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.*

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Living God, your generosity is legend.  
Your creative energy is phenomenal.  
Your love is deep and expansive.  
Your company is life changing.  
We are bringing gifts to the one  
who has given us everything.  
May these gifts be a token of our thanks,  
a small part of the greater gift of our lives and energies  
spent in your service.  
May our offerings become part of your life and light,  
at work and at play on planet Earth. Amen.**

## **Bible Reading *John 10:11-21***

**This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Praise to Christ the Word.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn WOV 16(i) The Lord's my shepherd**

## **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 words and music Colin Gibson HIOS 151**

Where shall be found that holy ground  
where we may plant the tree of peace,  
strong to survive through fire and storm:  
where shall such peace be born?

Our common theme, our deepest dream,  
to see the tree of peace outspread,  
shelter for each and every one:  
how shall such peace become?

Christ is our peace, Christ our release  
from fear and hatred, lust for power;  
Christ is that young and greening tree,  
growing for you and me.

Here is the place where, by God's grace,  
we in our time must plant God's peace,  
deep in our hearts and minds and souls,  
making the dream come true.

**Benediction** arr. Nicola and Guy Jansen, tune *Kum By Ya* AA 31

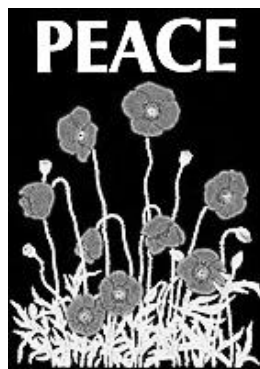
E te Atua aroha mai, (x3) [O God love us – *forever and ever*]  
*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

E te Atua manaaki mai, (x3) [O God bless us – *forever and ever*]  
*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

E te Atua awhina mai, (x3) [O God help us – *forever and ever*]  
*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

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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:** 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

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 3 May**

**Door Duty:** Jenny Bunce and Marian Weaver

**Music:** David Murray

**Readings:** Jane Bloore

**Sound and Data Projector:** Kieran Somerville

**Morning Tea:** TBC

**Church and Hall Cleaning:** Allison and Will Mulder

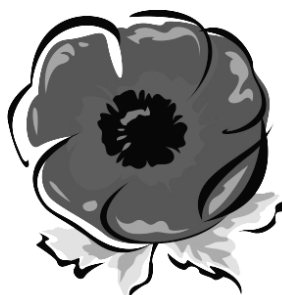
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## **Keeping in Touch**

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](mailto:opohoclerk@gmail.com)



## Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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*
1 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
5 June ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
7 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
10 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
11 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
14 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew
20 June ~ Saturday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
28 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

\* *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.



