

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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13 April 2025 – 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.

*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 (*from Common Order, Panel on Worship,
Church of Scotland, 1994; used with permission*)

Humble and riding on a donkey,

we greet you;

Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,

we cheer you;

moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

we salute you: Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden

a new dignity;

you are giving majesty

a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption

a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

Hymn words Theodulph of Orlaeans (trans. John Mason Neale, alt.),
tune *St Theodulph* WOV 250

*All glory, praise and honour
to thee, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the king of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest
the king and blessed one.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious king.

Prayer

Assurance of Pardon and the Peace

The good news in Christ is that,
when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need,
we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, tune *See Saw Saccara Down* 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 –

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?

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

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**The crowds offered you their coats to walk on,
they waved palm branches, honouring your presence.
Today we honour you, Lord,
with our faithful tithes and offerings.
We lay these gifts before you,
humble tokens of our love,
a public display of affection for our King of kings.
Amen.**

Bible Readings *Zechariah 9:9-10 and Psalm 8: 1-4*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Film *The Gospel According to Matthew*, Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1964,
Italian, English subtitles, *Entry into Jerusalem* (Matthew 21:1-11)

Reflection

Hymn words Henry Hart Milman, tune *Winchester New* 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 winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the 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 God, your power and reign!

Prayers of 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.**

Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Crucifer* by Sydney Nicholson, 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 ...

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

Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme;
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream ...

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

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

Benediction

**May the strength of God sustain us;
may the power of God preserve us;
may the hands of God protect us;
may the way of God direct us;
may the love of God go with us
this day and forever. Amen.**

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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: Jane Bloore

Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Michael Ovens

Music: David Murray **Readings:** Meegan Cloughley

Prayers: Marian Weaver

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew **Flowers:** Fiona Stirling

Morning Tea: Bronwen Strang and Marian Weaver

Church Cleaning: Christine Cleugh **Hall Cleaning:** Daniel Larsen

Opportunities for ministry week ending 20 April

Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson **Music:** David Murray

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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

13 April ~ Sunday	2-4 p.m.: 80th birthday celebration for John Roxborough, in the hall – see below
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
24 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 April ~ Friday	ANZAC Day – public holiday
27 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
4 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 May ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
7 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
11 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
18 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 May ~ Tuesday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Olivia Dawson

John Roxborough turned 80 on 4 April.

This afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a chance to celebrate with John in the church hall and to wish him well for his forthcoming overseas travel. If you are able, please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

