

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**12 April 2026 – 2nd 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.*



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** *from Psalm 16*

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, you are my Lord;**

**I have no good apart from you.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**In the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the Lord always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

**my body also rests secure.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;**

Let us worship God!

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

**Hymn** words Edmond Louis Budry, trans. Richard Birch Hoyle,  
tune *Maccabaeus* WOV 303

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

## **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.

## **Children's Chat**

**Hymn** words Graham Kendrick, tune *The Servant King* CH4 374

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King.*

*He calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load he chose to bear.  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
'Yet not my will, but yours' he said

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving  
*This is our God, the Servant King...*

*Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

### **First Reading** *1 Peter 1:3-9*

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

### **Gospel Reading** *John 20:19-31*

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

### **Sermon** Receive the Holy Spirit

### **Hymn** words Sebastian Temple, tune *Prayer of St Francis* CH4 528

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek...*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. *(no refrain)*

## **Intercessory Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer (said)**

**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 John L. Bell and Graham Maule CH4 430,  
tune *Hyfrydol* WOV 148(ii)

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,  
Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised,  
as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing;  
let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumour.  
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people  
whom he loved and died to save;  
Christ has risen for the women  
bringing flowers to grace his grave  
Christ has risen for disciples  
huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation  
is not silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion  
former friends who fear the night,  
sensing loss and limitation  
where their faith had once burned bright.  
They bemoan what is no longer,  
they expect no hopeful sign  
till Christ ends their conversation,  
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever  
lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled,  
all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen. Christ is present  
making us what he has been –  
evidence of transformation  
in which God is known and seen.

**Benediction** *followed by sung threefold 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.*

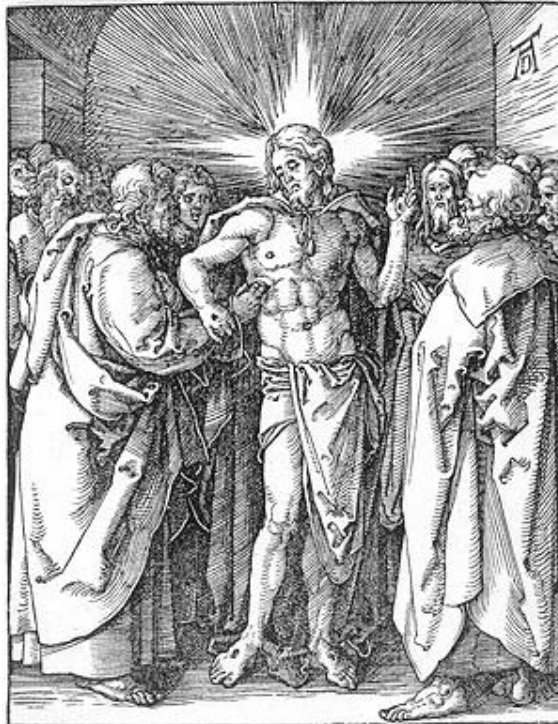
**Today's service was brought to you by ...**  
**Leading the Service:** The Rev. Jay Robinson  
**Door Duty:** Gregor Macaulay and Mark Ranby  
**Music:** David Murray  
**Readings:** Hamish Spencer **Prayers:** Daniel Larsen  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Benjamin Thew  
**Morning Tea:** Marian Weaver and Hamish Spencer  
**Church and Hall Cleaning:** Jane Bloore and Christine Cleugh

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 19 April**

**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

**Parish Clerk:** Hamish Spencer 021 279 7986 opohoclerk@gmail.com

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*Doubting Thomas*, woodcut c. 1510  
by Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528)  
see John 20:19-31

## 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

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*

\* *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.

