

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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5 April 2026 – Easter Sunday – Communion

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 Resurrection (1969)

by Hans Feibusch (1898-1998), Chichester Cathedral

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

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, music © Jillian Bray AA 15

Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!

Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia, a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia, a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie 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

Hymn words Anon., tune *This Is the Day* CH4 194 – verses 1&2

This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day,
that he rose again, that he rose again.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that he rose again.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day,
that he rose again.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God, thank you for giving
yourself to us in Jesus Christ.**

Help us to give ourselves in response.

**Take these gifts and bless their use,
that they may bring light and love
to the lives they touch,**

as you have brought light and love to ours. Amen

Bible Reading *John 20:1-18*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon

Communion Hymn words Marnie Barrell music Colin Gibson FFS 55

Relentless lover, God in Christ,
who died to set us free,
unswerving as your love for us
may our commitment be:
to come and learn what courage means,
and take the challenge up
to walk with Christ through death to life,
to share his bitter cup.

And when we come, may that fierce love
be tasted, touched and known,
as we who gather round the Cross
meet Christ's death in our own.
God grant we shall not fear to drink
his cup, the blood he shed,
nor let our hands, unwounded, shrink
from taking up his bread.

So let the Spirit draw us near
to find, in hope and trust,
his broken body risen here,
his life renewed in us;
life given, life received again
in thousandfold increase;
he lives, and sends us out to be
his living gift of peace.

The Story

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No one has a clean record in this,

But all are welcome.

No one is here because they deserve to be,

But all are welcome.

We are all here because we need to be,

And we are all welcome.

How the Meal Began

Prayer

Communion

*Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.
We have gluten-free bread and use unfermented grape juice.*

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 this day 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 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.

Benediction

Te aroha, *Love,*
te whakapono, *faith,*
me te rangimarie *and peace*
tātou tātou e. *to all.*

*After the service, please place your empty communion glass
in the container on the trolley at the back of the church.*

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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: 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

Church and Hall Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

Opportunities for ministry week ending 12 April

Door Duty: Gregor Macaulay and Mark Ranby **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Abby Smith **Prayers:** Daniel Larsen

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Morning Tea: Marian Weaver and Abby Smith

Church and Hall Cleaning: Jane Bloore and Christine Cleugh

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Keeping in Touch

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or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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; Sunday School
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.**



