



A SERVICE TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

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A Service to Honour Those Who Have Died

President: Kia ora e te whānau o Te Hāhi Weteriana.
Talofa lava. Malo e lelei. Ni sa bula vinaka.
In this time together, as The Methodist
Church of New Zealand - Te Hāhi Weteriana
o Aotearoa - we acknowledge the
contribution of those who have died.

Vice-President: E te Atua te Kaihanga,
whakapuakina ōu mātou ngākau ki ngā
whānau whānui o te hāhi,
E te Atua o te whei ao, kia tau tōu wairua i
roto i a mātou,
E te Atua o te ao mārama, kia tau tōu
rangimārie ki a mātou,
E te Atua o ngā tini, o ngā mano, kia tau tōu
aroha ki a mātou
kia whai korōria ki a koe.

President: Family and friends of those who have died,
you have come at the invitation of Conference.
You have come bearing another in your heart
to find a place where you both belong.
You and your loved ones are welcome.
As you awoke to God's world this morning,
so be aware of God's loving presence now.

Vice-President: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Ministry of the Word

Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

Prayer

Director: God of time and space,
in your hands you hold all that you have
made.
You breathe life into all creation;
and without you there is no life
for our lives are hidden in you.
As we gather to remember those
whom we have loved,
people of your creating and saving,
help us to know that nothing is lost or
forgotten for all are held in your loving
embrace,
and grant us the comfort of your peace,
through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Silent reflection

Vice-President: Today, we take time to remember those
members of our families who have died in the
past two years.
We give thanks to God for their life and
witness and the contribution each has made
to The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te
Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

Hymn: **“Give thanks for life”**

Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days
mortal we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Wallis Franklin Browne
Michael Jackson Campbell
Herrick Sydney (Syd) Easton

Hymn: Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth,
who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Robert (Rob) Andrew Ferguson
Colin Alexander Gibson
Phyllis Myra Guthardt

Hymn: And for our own,
our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Maurice Handisides
Russell James
Donald (Ian) MacLeod
Derek Vernon McNicol
Leslie Rex Millar
Barbara Ida Miller-Taylor

Hymn: Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Alifaleti Mone
Owen Prior
Sione Tokanauto (Nauto) Taukolo
Pieter van den Berg

Hymn: *(repeat of v 1)*
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Shirley Murray (Alleluia Aotearoa #45)

Prayer

President: God of consolation,
on this day we place our losses
in your hands.

All: **May we know that absence is alive
with hidden presence,
the song of an eternal echo**

Vice President: May we deal gently with our own pain
and be undisturbed by memories that come
unbidden.

All: **May Christ speak for us any
unspoken words, unfinished conversations.**

President: May we be generous in our embrace of loss,
may our compassion reach out
to all who are hurting or excluded.

All: **May the sore well of grief be transformed into
a seamless flow of love.**

Vice President: God of consolation,
in you the dawn and twilight are one.
May we and those we love
be embraced with your great belonging.

All: **May we go into the future
now with courage and hope.
Amen.**

Hymn: **“Tama ngākau mārie”** *(sung unaccompanied)*

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| Tama ngākau mārie | <i>Son of peace</i> |
| Tama a te Atua | <i>Son of God</i> |
| Tēnei tonu mātou | <i>here we are always.</i> |
| Arohaina mai. | <i>Show us compassion.</i> |

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| Murua ra ngā hara: | <i>Wipe away our sins,</i> |
| Wetekina mai | <i>and unshackle</i> |
| Ēnei here kino, | <i>these evil ties</i> |
| Whakararu nei. | <i>that are so troublesome.</i> |

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| Homai he aroha | <i>Grant that we may have love</i> |
| Mōu i mate nei. | <i>for You who died</i> |
| Tēnei ra, e Ihu, | <i>May this be so Jesus,</i> |
| Takina e koe. | <i>that you lead us.</i> |

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| Tēnei arahina | <i>This is where we wish to be</i> |
| A tūtuki noa: | <i>led to a good end,</i> |
| Putā i te pōuri, | <i>overcoming darkness</i> |
| Whiwhi hari nui | <i>and attaining paradise.</i> |

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*Traditional Māori Hymn
Translation: Toby Rikihana*

The Blessing

President: E te Atua Kaha rawa Ora tonu,
ka whakamoemiti mātou ki a koe i runga
i te ngākau hūmarie.
Tukua mai tō korowai manaaki ki runga i ngā
whānau pani katoa.
Kia ū tonu ki a mātou te tapu o ngā korero
i roto i ngā kupu kua wahaina e mātou i tēnei
rā.
Kia tino whai hua i a mātou mahi i ngā rā e
haere ake nei,
i roto i te Karaiti,
Āmine.

Hymn: *“Mā te mārie”* (sung unaccompanied)

Mā te mārie a te Atua
tātou katoa e tiaki;
māna anō e whakaū
ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.

*The peace of God
keeps us all.
He will confirm
our hearts in
goodness.*

Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
rātou, Atua kotahi nei,
tātou katoa e whakapai.

*May the Son of God
and the Holy Spirit too,
one God
bless us all.*

Āmine

*Traditional Māori Hymn
Tune: Old 100th, WOW 679*

**Recessional: "Haramai Roimata" by Ka Hao
Performed by Jaedyn Randell and Peter Leupolu**

(Sources: Te Aroha Rountree in *Weaving Us Together To Proclaim Life*; Paul Sheppy, *In Sure & Certain Hope*; John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*; Keita Hotere & Arapera Ngaha)