



A Service to Honour Those Who Have Died

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President: Kia ora e te whānau o Te Hāhi Weteriana. Talofa lava.
Malo e lelei. Ni sa bula vinaka, Noa'ia e Mauri. 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, e 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: Whānau 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

Tumuaki: John 14: 1-4

PRAYER

Kai Hāpai: God of love and transformation,
In our mourning and our grieving
Your aroha envelops and cloaks us
In our longing and our sadness
Your aroha keeps and comforts us
As we gather to remember those
whom we have loved, and who have loved us
We ask your grace and peace be with us
In Jesus name we pray

All: Amen

Silent reflection

Vice President: Today, we take time to remember those members of our whānau who have died in the past year.
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.

Himene: *Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.*

Faith Forever Singing 5

Words: Shirley Murray

Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Gordon Abernethy

Bruce James Anderson

Himene: *Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.*

Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Trevor Lewis Bennett

Dakai Bolatagici

Himene: *Be their names remembered
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Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Jean Bruce

Mathune (aka) Mathena Ngaronoa Dixon nee Cassidy

Himene: *Be their names remembered
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Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Maxwell Hornblow

Finau Silila Kilikiti

Himene: *Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.*

Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Peter James Moss

Sharon Te Mangu Tito

*Himene: Be their names remembered
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Reflection: KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU

Barney Winikerei

*Himene: Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.*

We take a moment of silence to remember and give thanks

PRAYER

President: God of aroha,
Each day we place our lives in your hands

All: May we know your loving presence,
and your guiding wisdom

President: God of compassion,
Each day we are reminded of our loved ones

All: May we feel your warm embrace,
and your tender comfort

Vice President: God of change,
Each day we live into a new season

All: May we be gentle with our transitions,
and contented with our memories

Vice President: God of transformation,
Each day we are refreshed and renewed

All: May we know your mercy,
and your grace

President: God of aroha,
May we be comforted by Your presence,
and guided by Your light
May we and those we love,
be embraced by Your redeeming heart

All: May we go now into the world
Confident in God's aroha
Amen

Himene: "Tama ngākau mārie" (*sung unaccompanied*)

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>
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. *that are so troublesome.*

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

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

Tama ngākau mārie
Tama a te Atua
Tēnei tonu mātou
Arohaina mai.
*Son of peace
Son of God
here we are always.
Show us compassion.*

Traditional Māori Hymn *Translation: Toby Rikihana*

THE BLESSING

President: E te Atua manaaki,
ka whakawhetai atu mātou ki a koe,
i runga i te ngākau aroha
Tukua mai tō korowai manaaki,
ki runga i ngā whānau pani
Kia ū tonu ki a mātou ki tō aroha noa
Kia tino whai hua i a mātou mahi,
i ngā rā e haere ake nei,

I runga i te ingoa o Ihu Karaiti,
Āmine.

Hymn: “Mā te mārie” (sung unaccompanied)

Mā te mārie a te Atua	<i>May the peace of God</i>
tātou e tiaki;	<i>Be with us all.</i>
māna anō e whakaū	<i>He will hold steadfast</i>
ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.	<i>our hearts in goodness.</i>
Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,	<i>May the Father, the son</i>
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki	<i>and the Holy Spirit,</i>
rātou, Atua kotahi nei,	<i>be as one God</i>
tātou e whakapai.	<i>and bless us all.</i>
Āmine	

Traditional Māori Hymn

Tune: Old 100th, WOV 679