

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.



A Service of Worship and Wedding of Diane and Tim Nerud

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REMEMBRANCE

On this joyous day, we hold in our hearts all those we love who cannot be with us and our cherished family and friends who are gone from our sight but who shared and shaped our lives.

They will forever remain in our hearts.

We especially give thanks for Diane and Tim's grandparents: Ruth Dute Adams; Ralph Waldo Dute; Esther and Earl Snyder; Ben and Anna Nerud; Lloyd and Nettie Rowell;

and their parents:

Donald and Barbara Snyder; Robert and Geraldine Nerud.



Processional

Wedding March

Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome and Presentations

The Exhortation

Dearly Beloved:

We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and for their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union Diane Snyder and Tim Nerud now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or forever hold your peace.

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If either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

The Pastor says to the woman:

Diane, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Diane answers: I will.

The Pastor says to the man:

Tim, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Tim answers: I will.

The Pastor then addresses the congregation, saying:

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

Witnesses: We will.

The Ministry of the Word

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Witnesses: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O gracious and ever-living God, you have created us male and female in your image. Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Song of Songs
2:10-13; 8:6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me: Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**A Story of Persistence:
in Faith, Hope, and Love**

Genesis 29: 1-30

The Gospel

Mark 10: 6-9

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Witnesses: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one put asunder.*

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

Witnesses: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Pr. Kristine Braaten-Lee

The Marriage**Couple's Words to One Another**

Tim: I would like to ask you the question I asked you when I first proposed: *Will you continue this adventure in life together with me, wherever it may take us?*

Diane: No fears, no worries because I now know that I have you in my life. Yes, I'll travel this life-long journey alongside you through thick and thin. I know that we can go through anything big or small. You are the Love of my Life, my Honey Pooh Bear. You are also my loving soul mate. You are my one and only true love.

Exchange of Vows

In the Name of God, I, Timothy Robert Nerud, take you, Diane Marie Snyder, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death us do part.

This is my solemn vow.

In the Name of God, I, Diane Marie Snyder, take you, Timothy Robert Nerud, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death us do part.

This is my solemn vow.

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Pastor: Bless, O Lord, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Couple:

Diane, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Tim, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Now that Diane and Tim have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

Witnesses: Amen.

Unity Sand Ceremony

A brief word is said about the significance of this ceremony. As Tim and Diane fill a crystal vase with two hues of blue sand, Rhonda plays *The Promise*.

The Prayers

Let us pray:

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

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Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Marriage

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Witnesses: And also with you.

Presentation of the Couple

Holy Kiss

Recessional

Ode to Joy

Rhonda Reece

The bride and groom join their attendants and worship leaders immediately following the ceremony for the Lord's Supper on the patio followed by a dinner reception.

The Wedding Party

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Kristine Braaten-Lee
<i>Pianist</i>	Rhonda Reece
<i>Diane's Attendant</i>	Crystal Stocker
<i>Tim's Attendant</i>	Ben Watson
<i>Lector</i>	Arland Braaten-Lee
<i>Videographer</i>	Mark Heiman
<i>Assistants</i>	Rev. Gayle Marsh Christiana Adams

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**We extend our deepest gratitude to
The Reverend Gayle Marsh, Priest-in-Charge,
and to
All Saints Episcopal Church for their hospitality.**

**We thank all of our friends and family for the love that
surrounds us on this and every day.**