

THE CELEBRATION AND
BLESSING OF
THE MARRIAGE OF
KATHERINE ROSE SCHLOSSER
AND
OGHENECHUKO SILAS
EJIRO METITIRI

SATURDAY
JUNE 8, 2019
4:00PM

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL
BROADWAY AND FULTON STREET, NEW YORK CITY

MISSION

In the spirit of the Gospels, the mission of Trinity Church Wall Street is to build generations of faithful leadership, to build up neighborhoods, and to build financial capacity for holy service in New York City and around the world. Our mission is grounded in our core values.

VISION

We seek to serve and heal the world by building neighborhoods that live gospel truths, generations of faithful leaders, and sustainable communities.

CORE VALUES

Faith

“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” —MATTHEW 17:20

Integrity

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” —PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Inclusiveness

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” —GALATIANS 3:28

Compassion

“When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” —MATTHEW 14:14

Social Justice

“He has showed you what is good; and what the Lord requires of you: to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” —MICAH 6:8

Stewardship

“There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the world.” —GENESIS 41:29–30

Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision.

By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Trinity’s Core Values. Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what our Core Values mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Trinity’s ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

Guests are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Cornet Voluntary
Sonata in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach
William Walond
Antonio Soler

THE PROCESSIONAL

At the entrance of the bride, please stand as you are able.

Prelude from *Te Deum*
Festival Trumpet Tune

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
David German

The Officiant addresses the congregation

Officiant 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, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore 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 Katherine Rose Schlosser and Oghenechuko Silas Ejiro Metitiri now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

The Officiant addresses the persons to be married

Officiant I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that 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 Officiant addresses Katherine

Officiant Katherine, 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?

Katherine answers

I will.

The Officiant addresses Ochuko

Officiant Ochuko, 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?

Ochuko answers

I will.

The Officiant addresses the congregation

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

People We will.

THE PRESENTATION

Officiant Who presents this woman and this man to be married to each other?

Parents We do.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving 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, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

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

Read by Agnes Metitiri

Reader A Reading from the Song of Solomon.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Read by Susan Schlosser

Reader A Reading of excerpts from "The Power of Love" by Bishop Michael Curry.

Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives and it can change this world.

Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where love is the way. Imagine this tired, old world where love is the way. When love is the way—unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love—then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

And Jesus taught us love: love your neighbor. Love your liberal neighbor. Love your conservative neighbor. Love your Democratic neighbor. Love your Republican neighbor. Love your Independent neighbor. Love your neighbor who you don't like. Love the neighbor you disagree with. Love your Christian neighbor. Love your Muslim neighbor. Love your Jewish neighbor. Love your Palestinian neighbor. Love your Israeli neighbor. Love your refugee neighbor. Love your immigrant neighbor. Love your neighbor. If you really love somebody, you don't leave them the way they are. You help them to become their best selves.

Whatever our borders, whatever our divisions. Imagine crossing them. Imagine love.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Read by Oluwaferanmi Okanlami

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

William Croft

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:6-9

Please stand as you are able.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Officiant 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 separate.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. C. Alfred Loua

THE MARRIAGE

Ochuko, facing Katherine and taking her right hand in his, says

Ochuko In the Name of God, I, Ochuko, take you, Katherine, 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and Katherine, still facing Ochuko, takes his right hand in hers, and says

Katherine In the Name of God, I, Katherine, take you, Ochuko, 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

The Officiant asks God's blessing on the rings.

Officiant 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 giver places the ring on the ring finger of the other's hand and says

Ochuko Katherine, 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 God.

Katherine Ochuko, 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 God.

The Officiant joins the right hands of husband and wife.

Officiant Now that Katherine and Ochuko 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.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us.
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Reader 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.
People Amen.
Reader 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.
People Amen.
Reader 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.
People Amen.
Reader Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault,
and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours.
People Amen.
Reader 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.
People Amen.
Reader Bestow on them, if it is your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring
them up to know you, to love you, and to serve you.
People Amen.
Reader Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and
concern for others.
People Amen.

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

People **Amen.**

Reader 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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Please continue standing as you are able.

The husband and wife kneel.

Officiant 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, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Simple Gifts

Shaker Elder Joseph Brackett, Jr.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau

J. Joseph Mouret

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

OFFICIANT AND HOMILIST

The Rev. C. Alfred Loua

MUSICIANS

Donald Meineke, *organ*

Molly Quinn, *soprano*

Joann Whang, *cello*

SACRISTANS

Dane Miller, Yunjeong Seol

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

Susan Schlosser and Joseph Schlosser

SIBLINGS OF THE BRIDE

Christopher Schlosser, Emily Schlosser

MATRON OF HONOR

Kerri Ann Weaver

BRIDESMAIDS

Alexa Binns, Anjuli Sinha Campbell, Joanna Kirtley,

Anne Newcomer, Melinda Rogers, Leah Sawyer

PARENTS OF THE GROOM

Agnes Metitiri and Nelson Metitiri

SIBLINGS OF THE GROOM

Oghenemine Metitiri, Ediri Metitiri and Okeoghene Metitiri

BEST MAN

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