



Charlotte Rose Kirby & Nathaniel Morton Davis Wedding  
June 6, 2021 @ 430pm  
Church of the Mediator





# Mtr. Darlene's Homily

**The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage between  
Charlotte Rose Kirby & Nathaniel Morton Davis**

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

**1 John 4:7-16, Psalm 128, John 15:9-12**

**Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.**

**"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**Love One Another**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of [our] hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. **Amen.** Psalm 19:14

On behalf of the Church of the Mediator I extend a warm welcome to you, the family and friends of Nathaniel and Charlotte: a special welcome to Charlotte's mother Nina and brother John; Nat's family, Cary and Bruce, Andrew and Cynthia, Julia, Maggie and Benjamin and Nat's grandmother Sheila; and Best Man Andre.

We gather this afternoon to ask God's blessing on Nathaniel and Charlotte, to witness their marriage and to bring them our love and support. Some of you have travelled a great distance to be here and we are honored by your presence. Nat and Charlotte have persevered in their desire to be married here on this day in your presence in spite of the restrictions of a pandemic. Thank you for being here to celebrate this happy occasion and thank you for following guidelines to ensure that this day is remembered as a safe and joyous occasion.

Welcome, Charlotte and Nat. You have known each other for several years. You know that there will be good times and bad times as you move forward in your lives together. There will be stormy weather and boat wrecks. There will be sunshine and good company. There will be pandemics and sickness and even death, but there will also be days of pure happiness and new birth. There will be three am feedings and jam-packed days. There will be times of quiet and solace.

Through all of this I pray that you will love each other. As the lovers in the reading from the *Song of Solomon*, there will be times of passion, desire, admiration and boasting. There will be times of companionship and times of trouble. Love with a love so fierce that it will withstand the challenges of life.

Nat and Charlotte, love as God loves this world, a love so strong that God was willing to send his own Son to live among us as one of us, a Son that was willing to die for you and me. Because God loves you this much, because the Spirit of God lives within you, you can love each other, defend each other, support each other through all things even to the point of death.

You are never alone in this world. You have the love of each other. You have the love of your family and friends. And you have the love of God. God loves you and desires that you will have an abundant life. Enjoy the small things in life; know what gives you happiness and seek it out each day; stop and smell the peonies; enjoy the seasons of the year and of your life; say “I love you” every day; know what gets you out of bed each day; learn God’s purpose for you; say I am sorry and I forgive you; enjoy good food; and give of what you have to others and your community.

Friends, you are here to witness the promises Nat and Charlotte make to each other. Pray for them today in this place and pray for them every day that they may have the desire and the will to honor their vows. Love them and support them as you want to be loved and supported, so that they may grow strong together.

Charlotte and Nat, love each other, respect each other, forgive and be forgiven, talk to each other, listen for understanding, seek not so much to be understood as to understand. May you have a long and happy life together and know the joy of family and friends. May you live to see your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May God be with you in your journey of shared love. Amen.