

**Dignity/New York Liturgy Broadcast on Zoom
Ascension Sunday
May 29, 2022**

Everyone is welcome to join us via Zoom.us
06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

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Additional Instructions and Preparation

- When signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- Please be prepared to share Eucharist with us.
- We invite everyone to have bread and wine / grape juice present if you are able to and feel comfortable doing so. We are called to share in the priesthood of all believers in this Eucharistic celebration.
- Bread recipes are available on our [website Liturgy page](#).
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

WELCOME:

OPENING HYMN: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, vs. 1-3 GC 453

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod.
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. To whom the shining angels cry,
'Why stand and gaze upon the sky?'
Alleluia! Alleluia!
'This is the Savior!' Thus they say,
'This is his glorious triumph day!'
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

- Presider: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
All: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presider: Blessed be God,
who gives us life with all of creation,
joins us to the saving death of + Christ,
and raises us to new life by the Holy Spirit.
Blessed be the Trinity.
All: **Blessed be God forever.**

SPRINKLING RITE

HYMN: This Is The Feast vs 4, 5

GC 429

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: **Acts 1:1-11**

RESPONSORIAL: All the Earth, Proclaim God's Glory GC 552

All the earth, proclaim God's glory. Sing with songs of love.
Music, dancing, new songs rising, God of beauty, God of splendor,
God of wonder and love.

1. Loving kindness to all nations. Peace across the land and sea.
 Harps and cymbals sound the message, blend in harmony.
2. For the God of living splendor, God of mighty deeds,
 keeps the promise to the faithful, breathing Spirit's peace.
3. Pour on us new clean water. Cleanse, refresh our souls.
 Give to us a willing spirit. Heal us, make us whole.

SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Festival Alleluia* *James Chepponis*

GOSPEL READING: **Mark 16:15-20** Danny Larkin

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Danny Larkin

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Risen Savior, hear us.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: I Am the Vine **GC 672**

I am the vine, you are the branches. Remain in me, you shall be fruitful.
Love for the world, hope for the hopeless.

1. If you love, then you must root yourself in me;
 For the branch will fail and die without the tree.
2. If you give, then you must give yourself to me;
 For the well will soon run dry without the sea.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

*Adapted by Fr. Joseph McOscar, from ICEL, An Original Eucharistic Prayer
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.*

Presider: Blessed are you Strong and Faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning, your word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your own image humankind, the crown of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we chant the ageless hymn of your glory.

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC 228

Presider: All Holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world.

ALL: As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last forever and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Presider: God most gracious, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us,

ALL: And over our earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved.

He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation: He broke the bread among his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: When Supper was ended:

ALL: Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, God of all creation; He passed the cup among his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

GC 306

Presider: God most Holy, we commemorate Jesus, Your Beloved One, as we offer this sacrifice.

ALL: Death could not bind Him up, for You raised him up in the Spirit of Holiness and exalted him as the Source of all creation. May the coming again of Christ in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

Presider: Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise, together with our Pope, our bishops, our Dignity leaders and all those who minister among your people, and those whose gifts and vocations are not yet recognized by your Church on earth.

ALL: We pray for ourselves here present and for all whose lives bring hope to this world. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, especially those we remember in our hearts.

Presider: We pray for those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, and with all your Saints.

ALL: Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours All-loving (Almighty) God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 225

COMMUNION HYMN: *All Who Hunger*

GC 820

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
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2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.

POST COMMUNION MEDITATION POEM

In Dignity/New York's commitment to diversity, we will recognize the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month which recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Tonight's poet is Ocean Vuong.

Born in Saigon, poet and editor Ocean Vuong was raised in Hartford, Connecticut, and earned a BA at Brooklyn College (CUNY). Vuong is the author of the poetry collections *Time Is a Mother* (2022) and *Night Sky With Exit Wounds* (2016), the winner of the 2017 T.S. Eliot Prize, and the chapbooks *No* (2013) and *Burnings* (2010), which was an Over the Rainbow selection by the American Library Association.

In 2014, Vuong was awarded a Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry fellowship from the Poetry Foundation. He received a Whiting Award in 2016 and a MacArthur fellowship in 2019. He is the former managing editor of Thrush Press and currently lives in the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts, where he is on faculty in the MFA program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The Last Dinosaur

When they ask me what it's like, I tell them
imagine being born in a hospice
in flames. As my relatives melted, I stood
on one leg, raised my arms, shut my eyes & thought:
tree tree tree as death passed me-untouched.
I didn't know god saw in us a failed
attempt at heaven. Didn't know my eyes had three
shades of white but only one image
of my mother. She's standing under an ancient
redwood, sad that her time on earth is all
she owns. O human, I'm not mad at you for winning
but that you never wished for more. Emperor
of language, why didn't you master *No*
without forgetting *Yes*? Sure, we can
make out if you want, but I'm warning you
it's a lot. Sometimes I think gravity
was like: To be brutally honest... & then
never stopped talking. I guess what I mean
is that I ate the apple not because the man lied
when he said I was born of his rib
but that I wanted to fill myself with its hunger
for the ground, where the bones of my people
still dream of me. I bet the light on this page
isn't invented yet. I bet you never guessed

that my ass was once a small-town
wonder. That the triceratops went nuts
when I danced. How once, after weeks
of drought, I walked through my brother's laughter
just to feel the rain. O wind-broke wanderer, widow of hope
& ha-has. O sister, dropped seed--help me-
I was made to die but I'm here to stay.

from *This Is A Mother*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING HYMN: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise, vs. 1-3 GC 457

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heav'n. Alleluia!
2. There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
3. Highest heav'n its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements and Acknowledgement

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please exit through the common room if you are staying for the social.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page or at the bottom of our website for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

Check out the latest DignityUSA Dateline with link below or go to the DignityUSA website:
[Dateline: Conference Updates | Catholic Pride Blessing | Candidates Forum Video](#)

2022 Election for DignityUSA Board Members

All members received a ballot and if you have not voted yet, a reminder. Please use the last ballot sent or email operations@dignityusa.org if you have questions.

Dignity/New York Anniversary Celebrations begin on June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday and kick off for the Chapter's 50th Anniversary year! Wear fire colors, red, orange, yellow, to celebrate the Church's birthday. Join us in the courtyard following liturgy for a festive celebration with pizza, salads, drinks and desserts.

Spring cleaning alert. We are collecting men's clothing for St. Christopher's Inn, a temporary homeless shelter that provides Chemical Dependency Treatment. The Inn is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars at Graymoor, NY. We are looking for lightly worn spring and summer clothes, shirts with collars, button down or plain, Polo shirts, pants, shorts, shoes, sneakers. Cannot accept used underwear or socks. Bring items to St. John's on Sunday, May 22nd or May 29th. For further information, you may call Richard Ferrara at 646-303-4258

Pride with Dignity/New York:

Sunday, June 5, 2022, Queens Pride is happening and DignityNY is marching. Parade occurs on 37th Ave in Jackson Heights (more details to come out next week).
Saturday, June 11, 2022, Brooklyn Pride Parade
Saturday, June 25, 2022, 6:30 pm - Pride Liturgy at St. John's in the Village Church and broadcast on Zoom

Sunday, June 26, 2022 - Witness on the sidewalk in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday, June 26, 2022 - March with Dignity/New York at the Heritage of Pride March

If you are interested in participating in a book club. We may start reading some of the books which are now banned. At first, we would be on Zoom. Contact Lewis (lewisnyc@gmail.com) if interested.

2022 DignityUSA Conference Registration is Now Open. As with past conferences, the chapter will cover the conference registration for anyone who asks. Additional support will also be considered on a case by case basis. Speak to any Steering Committee or email dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 697371

Liturgy Committee will meet the second Monday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. Meeting ID: 952 513 812 Passcode: 998088

Come to the Table: Catholic Worship for All - 3rd Sunday of the month • **10:30 am to 12 Noon.** For more information, email **Patricia Russell** at ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org

Volunteering at Liturgies

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our liturgy: help open and close the church, reader, coordinator, sacristan or tech person, we are always looking for volunteers. Please let Larry Caputo or Lewis Speaks-Tanner know you are interested. Volunteer@dignityny.org

Protocols for in-person liturgy

Face covering and being vaccinated are required for ALL in the church at St. John's. They are optional outside, such as in the courtyard. Reservations are not necessary. In addition, you are invited to exchange a Sign of Peace as you are comfortable doing, but please remain near your seat in order to maintain social distancing, and please respect everyone's comfort level.

THE CHOIR is seeking new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John's 1/2 hour before liturgy.

The Trevor Project

Crisis intervention and mental health services for those ages 13-24

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Crisis hotline: 866-488-7386 (for those ages 13-24)

Trans Lifeline (US) 877 565-8860 www.translifeline.org

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

24/7 hotline, staffed by trained individuals, for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Crisis hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255); 888-628-9454 (en español)

The Dignity/New York community enjoys and values your company in the celebration of our liturgy each week. Donations to Dignity/New York can be made by using the "Donate Now" located on our website or use the link below:

<https://www.dignityusa.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=31&chNum=709>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA's voice. <https://www.dignityusa.org/join>

For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <http://www.dignityny.org/>

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail DignityNY@dignityny.org, or use the link on our home page.

To submit items for consideration for distribution via our electronic announcements postings, send them to Announcements@DignityNY.org

Steering Committee members: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner and Jeff Stone

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DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE. Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person's comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know. (The members of the Steering Committee can be identified by the rainbow-colored name tags they wear).

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY. In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.