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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.

Dignity/New York gathers proudly as a faith community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Straight Catholics and our friends. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome all to our liturgies regardless of their faith tradition, and all are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Our community has both ordained and lay presiders whom we have called forth to lead us during our liturgies.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we use gender-inclusive language. For example, you will notice that we use "All-loving God" instead of "Our Father" when reciting the Greatest Prayer. We make our best efforts to change our hymnals and printed materials as necessary, but they do not always reflect our use of gender-inclusive language. Please feel free to change any non-inclusive language as you prefer.

Also in the interest of inclusivity, our community has intentionally chosen to use the language of the Mass prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 2011.

Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In

GC 744

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in' all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Sign of The Cross & Greeting**Penitential Rite****Opening Prayer**

Reading I **Sirach 15:15-20**

Responsory **Psalm 66: Let All the Earth** **GC 65**

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord; Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord!

1. Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth,
sing to the praise of God's name, proclaiming forever,
'tremendous your deeds for us.'

Let all the earth cry out...

2. Leading your people safe through fire and water,
bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory,
your love is eternal.

Let all the earth cry out...

3. Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord,
who answers the prayer of my heart.
God leads me in safety, from death unto life.

Let all the earth cry out...

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reading II **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Acclamation (sung) **Alleluia** **GC 198**

Gospel **Matthew 5:17-37** Danny Larkin

Homily Danny Larkin

General Intercessions *Please respond, "Christ, hear our prayer."*

Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts

Hymn: **As A Fire is Meant for Burning** **GC 663**

1. As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission,

Giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors ev'rywhere.

2. We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, list'ning Spirit,
We would live to God's delight.
3. As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

Eucharistic 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

ALL: HOLY, HOLY (GC 201)

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 our faith.

ALL: *(sung)* **Memorial acclamation** **(GC 203)**

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.

ALL: *(Sung by all)*

(GC 168)

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Greatest Prayer

Plainchant

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

The Peace

Exchanging a sign of peace, "Peace be with you."

The Breaking of Bread

LAMB OF GOD

GC 207

Communion *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body of Christ.*

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb

GC 823

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.
Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!
2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share.
Behold, behold the Lamb...
3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.
Behold, behold the Lamb...
4. Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.
Behold, behold the Lamb...

Text: Martin Willett, 1984, OCP Publications

Post Meditation: I Love the Lord

I love the Lord
He heard my cry
And pitied every groan
Long as I live
And troubles rise
I'll hasten to his throne (repeat)

I'll hasten to his throne (5 times at end)

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: *Bring Forth the Kindom*

GC 658

1. Cantor: You are salt for the earth, O people:
 All: Salt for the Kindom of God!
 Cantor: Share the flavor of life, O people:
 All: Life in the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kindom of peace;
Bring forth the Kindom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

2. Cantor: You are a light on the hill, O people:
 All: Light for the City of God!
 Cantor: Shine so holy and bright, O people:
 All: Shine for the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom...

3. Cantor: You are a seed of the Word, O people:
 All: Bring forth the Kindom of God!
 Cantor: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
 All: Grow in the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom...

4. Cantor: We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
 All: Bound for the Kindom of God!
 Cantor: Love our journey and love our homeland:
 All: Love is the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

The current Dateline dated February 8, 2023 is [Dateline: World Youth Day | Dignity Philly 50th Anniversary | Board Nominations and more](#)

SUPPORT TRANSGENDER & NONBINARY PEOPLE - GO TO DIGNITYUSA.ORG TO SIGN THE BELOVED BY GOD DECLARATION

We will conduct **our Ash Wednesday service** on Zoom at 7:30 pm, February 22, 2023 using our Sunday Zoom link. The Ash Wednesday program will be emailed on Monday, February 20, 2023. If there are people willing to read, let me know.

We will have ashes for people to use for the service. We can mail them with the Little Black Book for Lent (or without the book) or you can pick up ashes at the liturgy on Sunday, February 19, 2023. There will not be any mailings for ashes after February 18, 2023. Please email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address.

Lenten Reflection Series

Join us each Wednesday night in Lent starting on February 22, Ash Wednesday, through April 5 at 8pm-9pm ET (7pm-8pm CT/ 6pm-7pm MT/ 5pm-6pm PT) to discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Register once to get a reminder each week, and join us for a single session or the entire series! **This series is free but registration is required on www.dignityusa.org.**

February 22, 2023 to April 5, 2023 8:00pm

Hello Chant Singers — Come check us out! (From St. John's in the Village)

We'd like to invite you and your friends to our "Open House Rehearsal", this Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2:00pm-4:45pm at St John's-in-the-Village, 30 seconds west of 7th Ave. This time it's **in the church** (not the art gallery space). Entrance on 11th St., just past the corner of Waverly Place.

This is a perfect opportunity if you think you might like to join a medieval chant choir.

Join us for a rehearsal... then maybe join us forever!

The Chant Choir is a TRAINING CHOIR

We will teach you how to read the 12-century "square" music notation, and how to pronounce the Latin texts. It's really not that difficult.

We will also teach you the elements of style, and go over exercises to sharpen your choral skills, such as sight-reading, ear training, and voice building.

All you need is a good ear, some choir singing experience, and the ability (and willingness!) to follow instructions! The project is set up to interest singers who are new to chant, and also to challenge singers with substantial musical training. We have a place for everyone!

Singing this ancient, contemplative, deeply spiritual music could open up a whole new horizon — a perfect complement to our busy lives!

Hope to see you soon! (We suggest wearing a mask.)

Lawrence Harris
Director
New York Gregorian Chant Project

We would very much appreciate it if you would circulate this invitation among your networks of friends and colleagues. You never know where a new lead will come from!
Thank you for helping us to recruit more singers!

The 2023 Dignity/New York calendars have arrived. They are available at the welcome table at church. They are courtesy of Provenzano Lanza Funeral Home and Hector Gonzalez.

DignityNY members received the Advent appeal by email and/or mail. If you did not get a copy of the Advent appeal, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com. We will continue the appeal into January.

Donation letters were sent out. If you did not get a letter and you need it for income tax purposes, see Chris Alberti or email him treasurer@dignityny.org.

The Little Black Book for Lent has arrived! Lent begins on February 22, 2023. We want everyone in the community to have a book. If you are not able to pick one up at church, we will gladly ship one to you- email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

LGBTQ-RAN presented the webinar: Gay Priest John McNeill: Stories of a Passionate & Prophetic Witness. That was the largest participation LGBTQ-RAN has had for one of its online presentations and it was truly outstanding--a very moving and thoughtful reflection on the life of this iconic figure of the last fifty years.

Now you can watch the recording of the presentation at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8M8jF6WFVI>
Feel free to send this link to friends and colleagues and invite them to watch this profoundly inspiring program. You can also see recordings of all of LGBTQ-RAN's past programs, as well as announcements of future webinars on our [Events page](#).

If you enjoyed this presentation--and would like to see others like it--please help make that happen with your [gift to LGBTQ-RAN](#). We are a very small operation that depends upon the generosity of friends like you to continue to provide valuable information on queer religious history to everyone--for free.

We continue to take measures to keep our community as safe as possible from Covid. Full vaccination is required for attendance at St. John's, and masks are now optional in the church.

If you test positive for Covid after attending one of our liturgies, you may want to consider notifying the people you were in close contact with, so they may take measures to protect their own health. If you would like assistance in doing this on a confidential basis, please contact any member of the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month (no meeting in August) at 7:30 pm on Zoom
All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 697371

Liturgy Committee will meet the second Monday (no July meeting) 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

Defenders caucus (leather/kink) will have its monthly meeting on Zoom the **third Tuesday** of each month at 8 pm ET. Please let Lewis know if you are interested and you will get the link.

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

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 ½ 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/civcrm/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, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velaquez

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#)

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.