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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: Tree of Life, vs. 1-3, 5th Lenten Sunday verse

GC 397

1. Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of hist'ry,
Still you rise with ev'ry morn,
Still you rise with ev'ry morn.
2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story
We may die to rise anew,
We may die to rise anew.
3. We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word,
Ev'ry person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.
5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, you the sea,
We the river, you the sea.

General : Light of life beyond conceiving,
Mighty Spirit of our Lord;
Give new strength to our believing,
Give us faith to live your word.

5th Sunday : God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
Love as near as every breath.
Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

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

Word

Reading I

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsory***Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy***

GC 127

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you,
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let your ear be open to my pleading.
2. If you, O lord, should mark our guilt,
then who could stand within your sight?
But in you is found forgiveness of our failings.
3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,
even more I long for the Lord, my God,
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

Text: Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL

Reading II

Romans 8:8-11

Acclamation (sung) Return to God

GC 389

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Danny Larkin

Homily

Danny Larkin

General Intercessions Please respond, "God of mercy, hear our prayer."

Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts

Hymn:

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

GC 800

1. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love,
And do what you would do.
2. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
My will to yours incline,
Until this selfish part of me
Glows with your fire divine.

4. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity.

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.

ALL: HOLY, HOLY (GC 291)

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.

ALL: *(sung)* **Memorial acclamation** **(GC 294)**

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."

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

Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life

GC 828

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.

3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

4. I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever.

5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
into the world.

1. Yo soy el Pan de Vida.
A mí vengán: no tendrán hambre.
En mí crean: no tendrán sed.
Nadie viene_a mí
si mi Padre no lo_atrae.

Estribillo

Yo los resucitaré,
Yo los resucitaré,
Yo los resucitaré en el día final.

2. El pan que yo daré
es mi carne, la vida del mundo.
Los que comen de_este pan
vivirán por siempre,
vivirán por siempre.
3. Si ustedes no comen
la carne del Hijo del Hombre,
y no beben de su sangre,
no beben de su sangre,
no podrán tener mi vida.
4. Yo soy la Resurrección,
Yo soy la Vida.
Si en mí ustedes creen,
aunque hayan muerto,
vivirán por siempre.
5. Sí, Señor, creemos
que tú_eres el Mesías,
el Hijo de Dios,
que has venido_al mundo
para redimirnos.

Text: John 6 and 11; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927; tr. by anon., rev. By Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946, © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993, 2005, GIA Publications, Inc.

Post Communion Meditation Poem:

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: ***Jerusalem, My Destiny***

GC 390

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 3. In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 4. All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.
Here among you I have found a vision, bright and new.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.
Here among you I awoke to unexpected dawn.

I have fixed my eyes...

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952, 1990, 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 March 22, 2023 is [Dateline: Statement on USCCB Stance | Jason Steidl Jack Book Chat | Families With Dignity Meeting and more](#)

International Transgender Day of Visibility is March 31, 2023
Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to [DignityUSA.org](#) to sign the beloved by God Declaration.

Good Friday service will be conducted via Zoom on Friday, April 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm. We will use the same Zoom link as we use each Sunday.

The Little Black Book for Lent is available either at the back of the church when you enter or by mail. 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.

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.**

Each Wednesday from February 22, 2023 to April 5, 2023 8:00pm

AIDS Walk NY is also coming up. Join Team Dignity/New York (<https://gmhc.aidswalkny.org/team/489836>) make a contribution to support the team. We walk from Central Park on Sunday, May 21st, at 10 AM.

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.

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.

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

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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.