

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

The link to join the meeting is

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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.

Sign of The Cross & Greeting

Blessing Palms

Gathering Hymn: Bring Forth the Kin-dom

GC 658

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

Bring forth the Kin-dom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kin-dom of peace;
Bring forth the Kin-dom 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 Kin-dom of God!

Bring forth the Kin-dom...

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

Bring forth the Kin-dom...

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

Bring forth the Kin-dom...

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

Opening Prayer

Word

Reading I

Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsory ***Psalm 22: My God, My God***
My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

GC 29

1. All who see me laugh at me,
they mock me and they shake their heads:
'He relied on the Lord,
let the Lord be his refuge.'

My God, my God...

2. As dogs around me,
they circle me about.
Wounded me and pierced me,
I can number all my bones.

My God, my God...

3. My clothing they divided,
for my garments casting lots,
O Lord, do not desert me,
but hasten to my aid.

My God, my God...

4. I will praise you to my people,
and proclaim you in their midst,
O fear the Lord, my people,
give glory to God's name.

My God, my God...

Text: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Marty Haugen, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain
trans. 1969, ICEL

Reading II

Philippians 2:5-11

Acclamation none today

Gospel

Matthew 26:14 — 27:66

Homily

Bob Anthony

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

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts**Hymn:*****O Sacred Head Surrounded*****GC 415**

1. O Sacred Head surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore you,
And tremble as they gaze.
2. I see your strength and vigor
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor,
Bereaving you of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
O turn your face on me.
3. In this, your bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
With your most sweet compassion,
Unworthy though I be:
Beneath your cross abiding
For ever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding,
And with your presence blest.

Text: Salve caput cruentatum; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Henry Baker, 1821-1877

Eucharistic Prayer*(Based on Reconciliation II)**Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.*

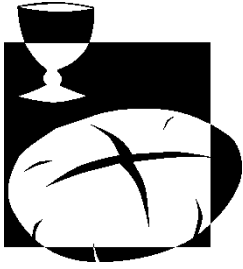
ALL: HOLY, HOLY

(GC 291)

God of power and tenderness, we praise you through your Son, Christ Jesus, who comes in your name.

Jesus is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you stretch out to sinners, the way that leads to your peace.

Eternal God, we had wandered far from you, but through your beloved One, you have brought us back. You gave him up to death so that we might turn to you and find our way to one another. And so we celebrate the reconciliation Christ has gained for us.



We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

While he was at supper on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread into his hands and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup and giving thanks to you, 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)**

Eternal God, your only One has entrusted to us this pledge of love. We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection and bring you the gift you have given us, the sacrifice of reconciliation.

Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit keep us always in communion with our pope, our bishops, the leaders of our community, and the people of God everywhere. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints and all those who have gone before us in faith. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, every language, and every way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Savior.

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 308**

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

Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **GC 815**

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

You satisfy the hungry heart...

4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998, 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Post Communion Meditation Poem:

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: ***Were You There***

GC 416

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
6. Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Text: African-American spiritual

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. Take a moment to look up transgender history, make a donation, honor a transgender person today.

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.

If you are interested in *The Little White Book of Easter*. There are still copies available to be mailed or picked up at church when they arrive. We will gladly ship one to you- email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address.

Lenten Reflection Series - Last Week

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

On April 17th , there will be a screening of the movie “Let’s Kiss” at Casa Italian NYU about Franco Grillini, who was the leading LGBT activist in Italy in the 1980’s and 1990’s. He is expected to be present at the screening. We will have a group outing to the film. Please speak to Chris Alberti about that if you are interested.

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

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](https://www.facebook.com/DignityNewYork)

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.