

Dignity/New York Liturgy Broadcast on Zoom
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

WELCOME:

OPENING HYMN: They'll Know We Are Christians

GC 735

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 And they'll know we are Christians...
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
 And they'll know we are Christians...
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
 And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
 And they'll know we are Christians...

Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938, 1966, F.E.L. Publications, assigned to The Lorenz Corp., 1991

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.**

HYMN: This Is The Feast v 1

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.

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.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889

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 (Misa Luna)

Peter M. Kolar

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna, hosanna.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna!*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name, the name of the Lord,
Hosanna.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna!*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna!*

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 (Misa Luna) B Peter M. Kolar
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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* *Peter M. Kolar*

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.*

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.*

*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, O Lamb of God.
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, O Lamb of God.*

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: *God of Eve and God of Mary GC 892*

Thank you for the ones who with us Shared their life and gave us birth.

1. As you came to earth in Jesus,
 So you come to us today;
 You are present in the caring
 That prepares us for life's way.

God of Eve...

2. Thank you, that the Church, our Mother,
Gives us bread and fills our cup,
And the comfort of the Spirit
Warms our hearts and lifts us up.

God of Eve...

3. Thank you for belonging, shelter,
Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
And for those who have no children,
Yet are parents under God.

God of Eve...

4. God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son.
Spirit, caring like a mother,
Take our love and make us one.

God of Eve...

Text: Fred Kaan, b.1929, 1989, Hope Publishing Co.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: *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.

All the earth...

2. For the God of living splendor, God of mighty deeds,
keeps the promise to the faithful, breathing Spirit's peace.

All the earth...

3. Pour on us new clean water. Cleanse, refresh our souls.
Give to us a willing spirit. Heal us, make us whole.

All the earth...

Text: Mark Friedman and Bobby Fisher, b.1952, 1992, 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.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

The current Dateline dated May 3, 2023 is [Dateline: SF 50th Anniversary | Lay Votes at Synod | GNRC Young Adult Forum and more](#)

Remembering Mothers and Fathers in May on Mother's Day and in June on Father's Day. Please submit names you would like to remember. You can send the name you would like to remember and your name. You can print flyer and bring it on Mothers Day or Fathers Day or mail it to the P.O. Box 1554, FDR Station, NY, NY 10150.

Discussion with Fr. Bernard Lynch on Falsely Accused Documentary. The documentary podcast *Falsely Accused*, which documents the Archdiocese of New York's attempts to silence AIDS activist and Dignity/New York member Fr. Bernard Lynch. DignityUSA will host an online discussion with Bernard on Wednesday May 24 at 8:00 PM Eastern. [You can listen to the podcast here.](#)

Register today for what is sure to be an enlightening conversation.

Little White Book Easter 2023 will be available at the welcome table. If you wish to have a copy shipped, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your address for a copy to be shipped.

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.

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 Aging with Dignity caucus is offering a training in LGBTQI+ elder advocacy in collaboration with SAGECare. As our members age and require treatment and care they find that long term care facilities as well as local in-home and community care services are unprepared for or even unfriendly to LGBTQI+ elders.

SAGE has been advocating for LGBTQI+ Elders for over fifty years. Its training division, SAGECare, is the leading provider of LGBTQI+ cultural awareness training to the nation's health care and senior living supporters – both at home and in residential communities.

SAGECare’s dynamic and informative virtual training will orient you to the needs and experiences of LGBTQI+ older adults to procure the best services possible for our population. The course takes place in two parts – the first is an **interactive self-paced online course** that takes approximately 75-90 minutes to complete. The course covers key terms and language, best practices, and real-life experiences of LGBTQI+ older adults.

After completing the online content, registrants will join a SAGECare trainer for a **90-minute live-webinar**, to explore best practices to enable informed advocacy for yourself and for others in seeking welcoming and inclusive residential and elder care services. Your SAGECare expert trainer will also connect you to important resources.

WHEN: The webinar will be scheduled on a Saturday, TBD after registrants have each completed the interactive online course

COST: \$25 donation requested.

TO REGISTER: <https://www.dignityusa.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=152>

LIMITED SPACE: In order to facilitate interaction, the training is limited to thirty registrants. Do not miss out! The Aging with Dignity Caucus will monitor registrants to ensure the broadest geographic representation of our members as possible.

Once the first training is full, we can look at potential future trainings.

Registration is required by May 15!

Contact info@dignityusa.org if you have any questions.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

DefendersUSA, Leather & Kink caucus, meets the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:30 pm ET. Talk to Lewis Speaks-Tanner or Tom McLoughlin for more details.

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.