

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: **The Summons**

GC 700

1. Will you come and follow me
 If I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 And never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 Will you let my name be known,
 Will you let my life be grown
 In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
 If I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 And never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 Should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer
 In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
 If I but call your name?
 Will you set the pris'ners free
 And never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean,
 And do such as this unseen,
 And admit to what I mean
 In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
 If I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 And never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 To reshape the world around,
 Through my sight and touch and sound
 In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
 When you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 And never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 Where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow

In you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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 2

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: Psalm 27: In the Land of the Living

GC 38

I believe I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, of whom should I be afraid?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life, before whom should I shrink?

I believe I shall see...

2. When I cry out, O Lord, hear my voice! Have mercy on me and answer.
My heart has told me, 'seek his face!' It is your face, Lord, I seek.

I believe I shall see...

3. There is only one thing I ask of the Lord: to live in God's house forever,
to savor the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I believe I shall see...

Text: Psalm 27; The Jerusalem Bible, 1966, Darton, Longman and Todd, Ltd. and Doubleday, a division of
Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia Peter M. Kolar

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16-20 Erol de los Santos

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Erol de los Santos

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Risen Savior, hear us.

PRESENTATION HYMN: We Walk by Faith GC 590

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry 'My Lord and God!'
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

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!*

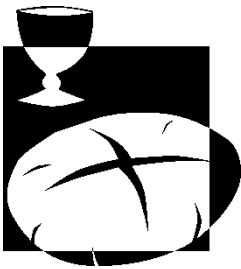
*Blessed is he who comes in the name, the name of the Lord,
Hosanna.*

*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!*

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.

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.*

Cada vez que comemos de este pan y bebemos de este caliz, anunciamos tu muerte Señor, hasta que vuelvas.

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.

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, great 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: *Look Beyond* **GC 843**

Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior and your Lord.
Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as blood.

1. Give us a sign that we might believe in you. Moses had manna from the sky.
Look beyond...

2. I am the bread which from the heavens came; Those who eat this bread will never die.
Look beyond...
3. The bread I give you will be my very flesh; My blood will truly be your drink.
Look beyond...
4. This man speaks harshly; who can listen to his word? We shall no longer follow him.
Look beyond...
5. You, my disciples, will you also leave? Lord to whom can we go?

Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior and your Lord.
 Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as blood.
 See his life poured out as blood.

Text: Darryl Ducote, b.1945, 1969, 1979, Damean Music. Distributed by GIA Publications, Inc.

POST COMMUNION MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise, vs. 1, 4-6*

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!
4. See, he lifts his hands above. Alleluia!
 See, he shows the prints of love. Alleluia!
 Hark, his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
 Blessings on his church below. Alleluia!
5. Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!
 His prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!
 Near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
 He the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!
6. There we shall with him remain, Alleluia!
 Partners of his endless reign; Alleluia!
 There his face unclouded see, Alleluia!
 Live with him eternally. Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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 17, 2023 is [Dateline: Happy 50th Philly | Spirituality of the Gender Expansive Body Event | CTA World Youth Day Pilgrim Webinar and more](#)

Remembering Fathers 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 Fathers Day or mail it to the P.O. Box 1554, FDR Station, NY, NY 10150.

[Join Call to Action and DignityUSA for a World Youth Day Webinar](#)

Join us on **Tuesday, May 23, 8 p.m. ET | 7 p.m. CT** to hear about the history of DignityUSA's World Youth Day pilgrims and the history of the Call to Action-DignityUSA partnership. DignityUSA pilgrims will discuss their goals for this upcoming pilgrimage and why queer Catholic visibility at World Youth Day is important. **You must pre-register for this event,**

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.

From St. John's in the Village Church Community:

Our next activities for returning and prospective singers begin with another series of **"Open House Rehearsals"** held at St. John's-in-the-Village (Manhattan) from **2:00-4:00pm on Sundays May 21, May 28, and June 4.**

New singers are welcome to come and check us out! (I'm very happy to answer any inquiries — please feel welcome to reply to this email address.)

Looking to chanting with you soon!

LAWRENCE HARRIS

Director,
New York Gregorian Chant Project

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.

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/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, 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.