

**Dignity/New York Liturgy Broadcast on Zoom**  
**Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Liturgy - July 9, 2023**

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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**GC 646**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that lifegiving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9: 9-10**

**RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 34: I Will Bless the Lord**

**GC 46**

I will bless the Lord; God's praise shall be ever on my lips.

1. Let my soul glory in the Lord. Let the lowly hear me and be glad.  
Glorify the Lord with me! Let us all praise God's holy name.

I will bless the Lord...

- I looked to God and my prayer was answered;  
God delivered me from all my fear.  
Look to God that you may be radiant with joy;  
that your faces may not blush with shame.

I will bless the Lord...

- Taste and see the goodness of God;  
happy those who take shelter in the Lord.  
Fear the Lord, all you holy ones,  
for nothing is lacking to those who fear the Lord.

I will bless the Lord...

Text: Psalm 34; Normand Guoin, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:9,11-13**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia GC 198**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25-30** Nick Calamusa

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Nick Calamusa

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ, hear us.**

**PRESENTATION HYMN: Healer of Our Every Ill GC 882**

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

- You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness,  
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

- In the pain and joy beholding,  
How your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision: God of love.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

- Give us strength to love each other,

Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,  
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
Teach us all your way of healing,  
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

*Adapted from Marianne Duddy-Burke's Prayer for Mary of Magdala, 2002*

*Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.*

**Presider:** It is right that we give you thanks and praise, loving God. You created this world, that you called good, and invited us to become its stewards. Even when we betrayed your trust, you chose to call us back to yourself, over and over again.

**ALL:** Your Word has been spoken throughout human history through those you called as prophets---some whom we would disregard, but whom you empowered with your passion for our salvation. As we gather around this table, we once again recall your breaking into our world, for our redemption, and your calling forth unlikely prophets to reveal your truth.

**Presider:** In joyful thanksgiving for your constant, faithful love, we join our voices in an unending hymn of praise:

*Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy*

**GC 228**

**Presider:** In one of your peoples' darkest times, you raised up a light for all to see. While they were persecuted and enslaved by conquerors, you fulfilled a nation's longing for a Messiah who would defeat the powers of oppression. You gave us Jesus, who walked among us, trying to teach us to see as you see, to love as you love, to be as you are.

**ALL:** Jesus listened to the cries of the people, aching for freedom. He healed those bound by cruel disease. He answered those who were burdened with questions. He challenged those enslaved by the Law to understand its true teaching. He fed those who hungered, and awakened deeper thirsts.

**Presider:** He gathered a community around him, close friends with whom he shared all that God made known to him. It was with these closest friends and followers that Jesus shared a final meal.

**ALL:** As we come together in memory of that meal, we pray that God's Spirit will come upon these gifts, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. We remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus was at table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you,

God of all creation. He broke the bread, shared it with his friends 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 friends 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*

**GC 230**

**Presider:** We celebrate this feast in memory of Jesus, our brother and Savior. We honor the memory of those who shared his earthly ministry, and became the first bearers of the sacred Christian tradition, which has been passed through the ages and is now entrusted to us. We treasure our faith in the resurrection, and the new life birthed in us.

**ALL:** God Most Holy, keep us faithful to your dreams for us, faithful to your Word alive in us. Help us to hear your voice calling each of us to discipleship and to service in your name. Strengthen us to follow your call, despite sanction, ridicule, and rules that may seem to limit the possibilities before us.

**Presider:** We pray in thanksgiving, O God, that you have brought us into loving community. We are thankful for those who have worked throughout the years to create this community, for those who gather with us today, and for those who will join the circle in days to come. We recall those whom we love who are no longer with us, and pray for the peace of their souls. We pray for all who seek the fullness of your vision here on earth, and for everyone who works for fuller justice in our world and our Church.

**ALL:** May the vision of unity that Jesus put forth to his disciples be fulfilled in our day. Let this meal nourish us to go into the world to heal and serve one another in the service of your Word. All of this we ask through Christ, 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*

**GC 232**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN: Be Not Afraid**

**GC 608**

1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me,  
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters  
in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

Text: Isaiah 43:2–3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943

Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**CONCLUDING HYMN: Lord, Take My Hand**

**GC 874**

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993  
Tune: PRECIOUS LORD, 66 9 D; George N. Allen, 1812–1877; adapt. by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993; arr. by Kelly Dobbs-Mickus, b.1966  
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## 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 June 29, 2023 is [Dateline: World Youth Day Updates | Trans Family Event | DignitySF 50th and more](#)

Pride Appeal was mailed to members and emailed to all On Thursday, June 8, 2023. You can find the document on the [DignityNY.org](#) website. We hope that you will be generous!

For those who are unable to watch Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke's keynote "Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics" at the Outreach Conference you can click the link below.

Watch  
Keynote

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Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to [DignityUSA.org](http://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.

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**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](mailto:ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org)

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**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](mailto:Volunteer@dignityny.org)

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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.

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**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](http://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)

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**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>

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**We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York).** By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://www.dignityusa.org/join>

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For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <https://dignityny.org/>

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**To submit items for consideration for distribution** via our electronic announcements postings, send them to [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com)

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**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.