

**Dignity/New York Liturgy Broadcast on Zoom**  
**Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Liturgy - July 16, 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  
**<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>**

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:  
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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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**GC 507**

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.  
In him there is...
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is...

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, 1970, 1975, Celebration

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11**

**RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 65: The Seed That Falls on Good Ground GC 64**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

The seed that falls...

2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.



When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

(Based on Reconciliation II)

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

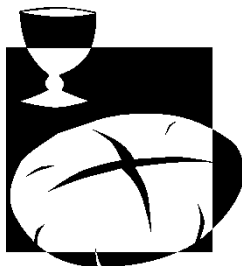
*Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy*

**GC 228**

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*

**GC 230**

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*

**GC 232**

**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.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**CONCLUDING HYMN:**      **God, Beyond All Names**

**GC 491**

1. God, beyond our dreams,  
you have stirred in us a mem'ry;  
you have placed your pow'ful spirit  
in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us we have known you,  
all creation lives to hold you.  
In our living and our dying  
we are bringing you to birth.

2. God, beyond all names,  
you have made us in your image;  
we are like you, we reflect you;  
we are woman, we are man.

3. God, beyond all words,  
all creation tells your story;  
you have shaken with our laughter,  
you have trembled with our tears.

4. God, beyond all time,  
you are laboring within us;  
we are moving, we are changing  
in your spirit ever knew.

5. God of tender care,  
you have cradled us in goodness,  
you have mothered us in wholeness,  
you have loved us into birth.

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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.

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

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The current Dateline dated June 29, 2023 is [Dateline: World Youth Day Updates | Trans Family Event | DignitySF 50th and more](#)

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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!

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### DignityUSA Candidates Forum and Election Reminder

Join us on July 15 at 3:00pm ET/12:00pm PT for this year's Candidates' Forum! DignityUSA Board candidates will make a statement of introduction, followed by a moderated Q & A. Get to know our new candidates and those who are running for reelection! Registration is required. **Please note that if you registered for the previous date, you DO NOT need to register again.**

As a reminder, here is the updated timeline for the DignityUSA Board elections:

**July 3** - Paper ballots will be mailed out

**July 6** - Online ballots will be sent to voting members, chapters and caucuses

**August 27** - Last day to vote electronically; all paper ballots must be received by this date

**August 31** - Election results will be reported to the DignityUSA Board Secretary for final certification

[Register Now](#)

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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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Jeff Stone has copies for sale of Sam Albano's book: *God's Works Revealed: Spirituality, Theology, and Social Justice for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Catholics*. See Jeff if interested.

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Save the date: Saturday, August 5, 2023 5pm - 9 pm Potluck Social by the Diversity Outreach at St. John's. See Jimmy Lopez-Acosta for more details.

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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.

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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 join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list**, send an e mail [dny@dignityny.org](mailto:dny@dignityny.org), or use the link on our home page.

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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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Friend us on **Facebook:** Dignity New York

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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.