

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom  
Celebrating St. Mary of Magdala & the Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time- July 23, 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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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abm1zHjEP>

***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:      God Has Chosen Me**

**GC 682**

1.     God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.  
      God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
      to bring new sight to those searching for light:  
      God has chosen me, chosen me:  
      And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
      to remove oppression and break down fear,  
      yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.
2.     God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.  
      God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:  
      God has chosen me, chosen me:  
      And to tell the world...
3.     God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.  
      God is calling me, God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice:  
      God is calling me, calling me:  
      And to tell the world...

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957, 1990, Bernadette Farrell, published by OCP Publications

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENTITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING:                      Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

**RESPONSORIAL:    Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God**

**GC 31**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1.     God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
      I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
      I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God...

2.     Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
      you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,

my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God...

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God...

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Shepherd me, O God...

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God...

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia GC 198**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-43 Danny Larkin**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Danny Larkin**

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

**PRESENTATION HYMN: There Is a Balm in Gilead GC 648**

There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.

There is a balm...

2. If you cannot preach like Peter,

If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say, 'He died for all!'

There is a balm...

3. Don't ever feel discouraged,  
For Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

There is a balm...

Text: Jeremiah 8:22, African-American spiritual

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

(Based on Reconciliation II)

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

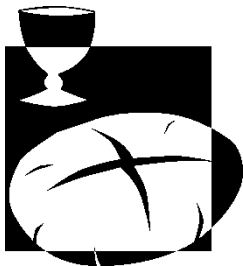
*Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy*

**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:**      **Now in This Banquet**

**GC 833**

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed.  
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,  
make us your people of goodness and light.

Now in this banquet...

2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;  
open our eyes to the glory of God.

Now in this banquet...

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,  
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

Now in this banquet...

4. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,  
'Strong' is your name, Lord, 'Gentle' and 'Kind.'

Now in this banquet...

5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.

Now in this banquet...

6. Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

Now in this banquet...

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **Official World Youth Day Prayer (with inclusive edits)**

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer!

We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.

Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait.

With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, in the faith of the Creator, and in the love of the Spirit!

Amen

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

### **CONCLUDING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River**

**GC 774**

1. Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide for ever  
Flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river,

- Washing up its silver spray,  
 We will walk and worship ever,  
 All the happy golden day.  
 Yes, we'll gather at the river...
3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
 Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
 Grace our spirits will deliver,  
 And provide a robe and crown.  
 Yes, we'll gather at the river...
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
 Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
 Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
 With the melody of peace.  
 Yes, we'll gather at the river...

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

## 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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[Click here to read the latest Dateline.](#)

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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](http://DignityNY.org) website. We hope that you will be generous!

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DignityUSA Election Reminder

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

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

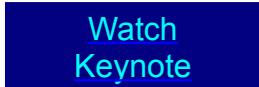
**July 6** - Online ballots will be sent to voting members, chapters and caucuses

**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

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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.



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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](https://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 Velasquez

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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.