

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating the Seventeenth 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

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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: Gather Us In

GC 744

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
 Now is the darkness vanished away,
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
 Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,
 Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
 Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
 We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,
 We are the old' who yearn for your face,
 We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
 Called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,
 Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
 Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;
 Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 Not in some heaven, light years away,
 But here in this place the new light is shining,
 Now is the Kin-dom, now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us for ever,
 Gather us in and make us your own;
 Gather us in' all peoples together,
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

RESPONSORIAL: **I Am the Vine**

GC 672

I am the vine, you are the branches. Remain in me, you shall be fruitful.
Love for the world, hope for the hopeless.

1. If you love, then you must root yourself in me;
 For the branch will fail and die without the tree.

I am the vine...

2. If you give, then you must give yourself to me;
 For the well will soon run dry without the sea.

I am the vine...

Text: John 15:1-10; Bob Hurd, b.1950, 1979. Published by OCP Publications

SECOND READING: **Romans 8:28-30**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

GC 198

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 13:44-52**

John Falcone

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

John Falcone

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

PRESENTATION HYMN: **Lead Me, Guide Me**

GC 574

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

To Refrain

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

To Refrain

3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy Light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

To Refrain

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Adapted from ICEL, "Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II"

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: Compassionate One, all-powerful and ever-living God, we praise and thank you through Christ Jesus for your presence and action in the world. You are a God of love and mercy, always ready to forgive. We constantly fall short of your vision for us--we stumble, we falter, we hurt one another--and you invite us again to trust in your mercy.

All: In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace. The Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, and nations seek the way of peace together. The Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For this we never cease to thank and praise you.

Presider: Now, with all the choirs of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of your praise:

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC 228

Presider: God of power and tenderness, we praise you through 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.

All: 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.

Presider: We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

All: On the evening before his suffering and death, Jesus took bread into his hands, he blessed you, and broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples with the words:

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: After supper,

All: 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: Eternal God, your only begotten 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. And so together, we proclaim our Easter faith:

Memorial Acclamation

GC 230

Presider: Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit bless our Dignity community, and bring us to that day when we will share this table with N., the bishop of Rome. Keep us in communion with all who serve and lead your people. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

All: You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints. We pray for our departed brothers and sisters, whom we commend to your mercy. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language, and 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: *Eye Has Not Seen*

GC 638

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen...

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen...

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Eye has not seen...

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen...

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: *Bring Forth the Kin-dom*

GC 658

1. Cantor: You are salt for the earth, O people:
All: Salt for the Kin-dom of God!
Cantor: Share the flavor of life, O people:
All: Life in the Kin-dom of God!

Bring forth the Kin-dom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kin-dom of peace;
Bring forth the Kin-dom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

2. Cantor: You are a light on the hill, O people:
All: Light for the City of God!
Cantor: Shine so holy and bright, O people:
All: Shine for the Kin-dom of God!

Bring forth the Kin-dom...

3. Cantor: You are a seed of the Word, O people:
All: Bring forth the Kin-dom of God!
Cantor: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
All: Grow in the Kin-dom of God!

Bring forth the Kin-dom...

4. Cantor: We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
All: Bound for the Kin-dom of God!

Cantor: Love our journey and love our homeland:
All: Love is the Kin-dom of God!

Bring forth the Kin-dom...
Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, 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.

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

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!

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

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

Sign Up for Our World Youth Day Send-off Event!

On July 30, DignityUSA will be holding our first ever send-off for our nine amazing World Youth Day Pilgrims. You are invited to join us for the commissioning ritual, which will be live streamed from Boston starting at 1:30 PM ET/10:30 AM PT. An in-person send-off event will also take place at the Boston Logan DoubleTree hotel beginning at 1:00 PM ET. Registration for the in-person event is required by July 25.


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](#)

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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Global Network of Rainbow Catholics is sponsoring the petition below.



[This campaign needs you now](#)
Tell the Pope: We need openly LGBTIQ+/Family representation at the Synod!
chnq.it

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.

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

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

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

<https://dignityny.org/>

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail dny@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 dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Steering Committee members: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velasquez

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.