

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 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: You Are Called to Tell the Story

GC 680

1. You are called to tell the story,
 passing words of life along,
 Then to blend your voice with others
 as you sing the sacred song.
 Christ be known in all our singing,
 filling all with songs of love.
2. You are called to teach the rhythm
 of the dance that never ends,
 Then to move within the circle,
 hand in hand with strangers, friends.
 Christ be known in all our dancing,
 touching all with hands of love.
3. You are called to set the table,
 blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
 Then to come with thirst and hunger,
 needing care like all the rest,
 Christ be known in all our sharing,
 feeding all with signs of love.
4. May the One whose love is broader
 than the measure of all space
 Give us words to sing the story,
 move among us in this place.
 Christ be known in all our living,
 filling all with gifts of love.

Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 138: God, Your Love is Eternal

GC 133

God, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I give thanks to you, God,
with all my heart, with all my soul.
I will sing your praise with the angels.
I will worship in your temple.

God, your love is eternal...

2. I give thanks to your holy name,
for all your kindness and your truth.
When I called, you answered me,
and you built up strength within me.

God, your love is eternal...

3. The Lord God is exalted, yet he sees you, he sees me.
And his kindness endures for ever,
O forsake not the work of your hands.

God, your love is eternal...

Text: Psalm 138:1-2, 3, 7; Roy James Stewart, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia GC 198

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20 Nick Calamusa

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Nick Calamusa

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ, hear us.

PRESENTATION HYMN: Many Are the Lightbeams GC 736

Many are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus.
Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus.
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

Text: *De unitate ecclesiae*, Cyprian of Carthage, 252 A.D.; trans. by Anders Frostenson © Verbum Forlong AB
Tune: Olle Widestrand ©: acc. by Marty Haugen, b. 1950, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

EUCCHARISTIC 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: Sanctus

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: **Pan de Vida**

GC 848

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

1. We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.

Pan de Vida...

2. Ustedes me llaman 'Señor,' me inclino a lavarles los pies:
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros.

Pan de Vida...

3. There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free:
there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.

Pan de Vida...

Text: John 13:1-15, Galatians 3:28-29; Bob Hurd, b.1950, and Pia Moriarty, © 1988, Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty. Published by OCP Publications.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Awake, O Sleeper

GC 803

Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night;
the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

1. Once you were darkness, once you were lost in the shadows.
Once you were darkness, now you are children of light.

Awake, O sleeper...

2. Live as God's people, live as God's justice and mercy,
filled with compassion, filled with the power of love.

Awake, O sleeper...

3. Shine out with the splendor of love, shine with justice and righteousness.
Sing the music your spirit has heard, the songs of glory and light.

Awake, O sleeper...

Text: Ephesians 5; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1987, 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 bring hymn book and any extra papers to the sacristy while exiting 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.](#)

Chapter Steering Committee Elections Coming Up! Make sure your membership is up-to-date so that you can participate in the upcoming chapter elections and strengthen the voice of DignityUSA! Email elections@dignityny.org or dignitynewyork@gmail.com to check your membership.

The Election Committee is Ed Fitzgerald, Ben Speaks-Tanner and Ed Koenig. August 20th starts the petitioning. There will be five steering committee spots up for election this year.

NOMINATING PETITIONS for prospective candidates will be available online from **Sunday, August 20, 2023, until Thursday, September 14, 2023**. Nominating petitions can be completed either electronically or by paper. [Petition of Nomination - 2023](#) If a candidate, please follow the instructions at the top of the petition.

THE FOLLOWING ARE DATES OF IMPORTANCE IN OUR 2023 CYCLE OF ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 7PM– A CANDIDATES FORUM will be conducted online via **ZOOM**. People who wish to offer themselves for election will have an opportunity to present their programs and or/respond to question from their peers and members of our online congregation. (8.7) Candidates may also post written statements on our website. Election Buddy (a simple online app very much like Survey Monkey) will be sent out ASAP after the Forum to all members of record. If you can vote electronically via Election Buddy, you are requested to do so for ease of counting votes. Anyone with questions about their ballot should email Elections@dignityny.org.

Topic: DignityNY Steering Committee Candidates Forum

Time: Sep 14, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89371664048?pwd=R3dTaDVldFFQK0gxdEkxeTRsNDRzQT09>

Meeting ID: 893 7166 4048

Passcode: 237177

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- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kmH2EppY3>

REQUESTS FOR PAPER MAIL-IN BALLOTS must be received by the Elections Committee no later than **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**. This request must be done either online at Elections@dignityny.org (please type "MAIL-IN

BALLOT” in the subject line) or phone Ben Speaks-Tanner at 703-864-1724. **Mail-In Ballots must be postmarked by Saturday, September 23, 2023 and received no later than midnight Friday, September 29, 2023.** Please mail them back as soon as possible after receiving them.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: ELECTIONS CONCLUDE Currently enrolled members of Dignity/NY must vote either online before 11 PM on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**, or by Mail-In Ballot as described above. (8.2)

DignityUSA Election Reminder - Elections End on August 27!

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

Sam Albano emailed the Members of Two Proposals to Amend DignityUSA Bylaws. The Proposals involve:

*Removal by the Board of Directors
Annual Meetings*

- **By August 24:** Notification of the membership of Board’s proposal to amend the bylaws (14 days) – electronic and mail notification
- **August 24 – September 22:** Comment Period. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed amendments should submit comments to secretary@dignityusa.org or to:

Secretary, DignityUSA
P.O. Box 1228
Dunkirk, MD 20754

Please note that comments must be received by September 22.

- **September 30 – October 1:** Board reviews all comments and summarizes them for submission with the proposals for voting
- **October 23 – November 21:** 30-day voting period (electronic and paper ballots)
- **December 6:** Notification to Membership of the outcome of the vote

This email begins the comment period. You will receive a second email in October with the final proposals, a summary of all comments received, a ballot and return envelope.

You are welcome to direct questions to me at Secretary@dignityusa.org at any time. Again, we appreciate your participation in this effort.

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!

chnng.it

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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)

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

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://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership>

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

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.