

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 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: God of Day and God of Darkness

GC 761

1. God of day and God of darkness,
 Now we stand before the night;
 As the shadows stretch and deepen,
 Come and make our darkness bright.
 All creation still is groaning
 For the dawning of your might,
 When the Sun of peace and justice
 Fills the earth with radiant light.
2. Still the nations curse the darkness,
 Still the rich oppress the poor;
 Still the earth is bruised and broken
 By the ones who still want more.
 Come and wake us from our sleeping,
 So our hearts cannot ignore
 All your people lost and broken,
 All your children at our door.
3. Show us Christ in one another,
 Make us servants strong and true;
 Give us all your love of justice
 So we do what you would do.
 Let us call all people holy,
 Let us pledge our lives anew,
 Make us one with all the lowly,
 Let us all be one in you.
4. You shall be the path that guides us,
 You the light that in us burns;
 Shining deep within all people,
 Yours the love that we must learn,
 For our hearts shall wander restless
 'Til they safe to you return;
 Finding you in one another,
 We shall all your face discern.
5. Praise to you in day and darkness,
 You our source and you our end;
 Praise to you who love and nurture us
 As a father, mother, friend.
 Grant us all a peaceful resting,
 Let each mind and body mend,
 So we rise refreshed tomorrow,
 Hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1985, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRESENTATION HYMN: Make Me A Channel of Your Peace GC 726

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Text: Prayer of Saint Francis; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997
Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Preface Acclamation: Sanctus

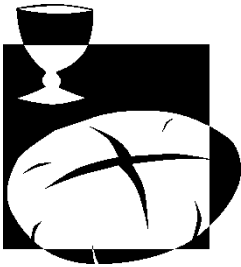
GC 166

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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 167C

C. When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

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, amen, amen!

Amen, amen, 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 171

Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of Life,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Last time:
Jesus, Lamb of God;
you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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

COMMUNION HYMN: **I Myself Am the Bread of Life**

GC 824

Refrain
I myself am the bread of life.
You and I are the bread of life,
taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ
that the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit,
gift of the Maker's love,
and we who share it know that we can be one:
a living sign of God in Christ.

2. Here is God's kingdom
given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
a living sign of God in Christ.

3. Lives broken open,
stories shared aloud,
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
a living sign of God in Christ.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Let Justice Roll Like a River

GC 716

Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away;
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us,
Come now, and make us anew, that we might live justly like you.

1. Take from me your holy feasts, all your offerings and your music;
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an everflowing stream.

Let justice roll...

2. How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,
the day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth?

Let justice roll...

3. Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of power and riches:
the Lord will turn your laughter to tears, on the wondrous Day of our God.

Let justice roll...

4. Even now return to me, let your hearts be broken and humble,
for I am gracious, gen'rous and kind; come and seek the mercies of God.

Let justice roll...

5. You have been told the way of life, the way of justice and peace;
to act justly, to love gently, and walk humbly with God.

Let justice roll...

Text: Amos 5:21-24, 8:4, Micah 4:3-4, 6:8, Joel 2:12-14; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1991, 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.](#)

Welcome Home celebration barbeque following the liturgy on Sunday, September 17th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options, salads and desserts. Please let us know you will be attending by emailing bbq@dignityny.org

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.

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)

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!

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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](#)

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 1/2 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.