

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom  
Celebrating Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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:

**Meeting ID: 231 599 312      Password: 333 333**

One tap mobile

+16468769923,,231599312# US (New York)

+13126266799,,231599312# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 231 599 312      **Password: 333 333**

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: Canticle of the Turning**

**GC 556**

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing...

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing...

4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
My heart shall sing...

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENTITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9**

**RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 147: Bless Our God, My Soul**

**GC 141**

Bless our God, my soul, who heals the brokenhearted.

1. Praise our God, O Jerusalem, chant praises to your God.  
The strength of God is your fortress sure,  
and blessed are your children.

Bless our God...

2. All praise to you, O gracious God, your goodness fills the earth.  
You raise anew Jerusalem, and gather all your lost ones.

Bless our God...

3. You heal the hurt and broken heart, you bind up ev'ry wound,  
you number all the stars of night and call each one by name.

Bless our God...

4. The peace of God shall be your hope, God's finest wheat, your food,  
the word of God fills all the earth, as rapid as the whirlwind.

Bless our God...

Text: Psalm 147:12-13, 1-2, 3-4, 14-15; Marty Haugen, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

**SECOND READING:**                      **Philippians 1:20-24,27**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**              *Celtic Alleluia*                                      **GC 258**

**GOSPEL READING:**                      **Matthew 20:1-16**                                      **Robby Mathias**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**                                      **Robby Mathias**

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

**PRESENTATION HYMN:**                      **Eye Has Not Seen**                                      **GC 638**

Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the brokenhearted.

1. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, chant praises to your God.  
The strength of God is your fortress sure,  
and blessed are your children.

Bless the Lord...

2. All praise to you, O gracious God, your goodness fills the earth.  
You raise anew Jerusalem, and gather all your lost ones.

Bless the Lord...

3. You heal the hurt and broken heart, you bind up ev'ry wound,  
yo  
u number all the stars of night and call each one by name.

Bless the Lord...

4. The peace of God shall be your hope, God's finest wheat, your food,  
the word of God fills all the earth, as rapid as the whirlwind.

Bless the Lord...

Text: Psalm 147:12-13, 1-2, 3-4, 14-15; Marty Haugen, 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 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.

**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 167C**

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

**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, 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:      All Who Hunger**

**GC 820**

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see...
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see...

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

### **CONCLUDING HYMN: Bring Forth the Kingdom**

**GC 658**

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

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

Bring forth the Kingdom...

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

Bring forth the Kingdom...

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom...

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All music used with permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-700554  
Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-700554. All rights reserved.

## 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 Close Sunday Night at 11 pm ET.

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](mailto:elections@dignityny.org) or [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

\*\*\*\*\*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.