

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 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

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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 Kingdom, 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:

PENTITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 25: To You, O God

GC 36

To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth,
for you are God, my Savior.

To you, O God...

2. For the Lord is good and righteous,
revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.

To you, O God...

3. To the ones who seek the Lord,
who look to God's word,
who live God's love,
God will always be near,
and will show them mercy.

To you, O God...

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14; Marty Haugen, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia*

GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:28-32

Bob Anthony

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

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HEALING SERVICE:

For each person being blessed, the person in front will say the words below while placing oil on their hands:

_____ (name) _____ may God's spirit fill you and strengthen you. May you always know that God is with you. Amen.

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

PRESENTATION HYMN: **They'll Know We Are Christians** **GC 735**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 And they'll know we are Christians...
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
 And they'll know we are Christians...
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
 And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
 And they'll know we are Christians...

Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938, 1966, F.E.L. Publications, assigned to The Lorenz Corp., 1991

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

*Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.
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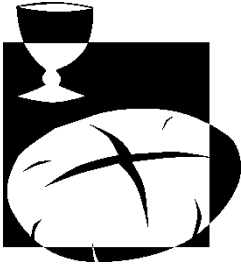
Preface Acclamation: Sanctus

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.

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 a

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: **Here I Am, Lord GC 686**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947, 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Send Down the Fire

GC 466

Send down the fire of your justice, Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

1. Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Send down the fire...

2. Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Send down the fire...

3. Call us to answer oppression, Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls, 'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your truth.

Send down the fire...

4. Call us to witness your Kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Send down the fire...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1989, 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.](#)

Upcoming Events and Special Liturgies

Anniversary Dinner at St. John’s on Saturday, October 21, 2023

Anniversary Liturgy at St. John’s on Sunday, October 22, 2023

All Saints/ All Souls Day celebrated on Sunday, October 29, 2023

Community/Chapter to Reflect and Provide Input at St. John’s on Saturday, November 11, 2023 in the afternoon,

More details will be emailed in the next week or so.

Village Jazz Concert

Stop by for a Saturday, October 7, 2023 2 p.m.

\$10 suggested donation

Norine Castine – piano

Niculin Janett – saxophone

Stop by for an afternoon of jazz originals and standards in the beautiful, acoustically-rich space of St. John’s.

St. John’s in the Village

224 Waverly Place

New York, NY 10014

For more information, call (646) 236-3446

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

Removal by the Board of Directors

Annual Meetings

- **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!

chnq.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.