

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating 51st Anniversary & Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 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: How Can I Keep from Singing

GC 603

1. My life flows on in endless song Above earth's lamentation.
 I hear the real though faroff hymn That hails a new creation.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that rock I'm clinging.
 Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
 It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?
 No storm can shake...
3. What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it liveth.
 What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the night it giveth.
 No storm can shake...
4. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, And hear their death knells ringing;
 When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?
 No storm can shake...
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing.
 All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing?
 No storm can shake...

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; adapted with additional text by Doris Plenn, 1957, 1964, Sanga Music, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL: All the Earth, Proclaim God's Glory

GC 552

All the earth, proclaim God's glory. Sing with songs of love.
Music, dancing, new songs rising, God of beauty, God of splendor,
God of wonder and love.

1. Loving kindness to all nations. Peace across the land and sea.
 Harps and cymbals sound the message, blend in harmony.

All the earth...

2. For the God of living splendor, God of mighty deeds,
keeps the promise to the faithful, breathing Spirit's peace.

All the earth...

3. Pour on us new clean water. Cleanse, refresh our souls.
Give to us a willing spirit. Heal us, make us whole.

All the earth...

Text: Mark Friedman and Bobby Fisher, b.1952, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14 Chris Alberti

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Chris Alberti

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ, hear us.

PRESENTATION HYMN: What Wondrous Love is This GC 627

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: Alexander Means, 1801-1853

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Adapted from Marianne Duddy-Burke's Prayer for Mary of Magdala, 2002

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Preface Acclamation: Sanctus

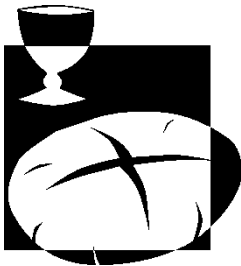
GC 166

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: Taste and See

GC 837

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. *I will never stop thanking my God with my words of praise.*

*My soul will boast, will boast in the Lord.
The lowly will hear me and be lifted in praise.*

Taste and see'

- 2. Join the singing in praise of our God; tell the world of the Name.
I cried to the Lord: 'Have mercy on me.'
God calmed all my fears and then set me free.*

Taste and see'

- 3. Look to God and be radiant with joy; you will never know shame.
The weight of your burden is light to the Lord.
With tender compassion God will call you by name.*

Taste and see'

- 4. God of justice, rain down on the poor, giving hope to their days.
Come visit your people, each child of the earth;
come visit us now and bring us to a new birth.*

Taste and see'

Text: Psalm 34:1-3; Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: How Great Thou Art

GC 494

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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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.](#) Up-to-date Dateline is found on the front page of [DignityUSA.org](#)

Upcoming Events and Special Liturgies

Anniversary Dinner at St. John's on Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Must reserve by Monday night!
6pm reception in the courtyard followed by dinner in the gallery at 7pm.

We have a chef with some waiting staff to cook for us and the menu is:

- Appetizers: Skewers
- Pasta: Goat Cheese Pasta
- Risotto: Porcini Mushroom Risotto
- Main: Braised Chicken All'Arrabbiata
- Salad: Chopped Italian Salad
- Soup: Minestrone
- Dessert: Chocolate Mousse
- Drinks: Soda, Water, Wine

The ticket is \$40 including wine, but you can choose to buy a "sponsor" ticket for \$100 or we can waive the ticket for those who request this. Email chris.Alberti@gmail.com for reservations.

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,

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

Removal by the Board of Directors
Annual Meetings

- **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.