

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 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: The Summons

GC 700

1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENTITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God**GC 31**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God...

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God...

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God...

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Shepherd me, O God...

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God...

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14 Nick Calamusa

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Nick Calamusa

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ, hear us.

PRESENTATION HYMN: Come to the Water GC 502

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

- Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 55:1, 2, Matthew 11:28-30; John Foley, SJ, b.1939, 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

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!

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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 Received the Living God

GC 851

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

Jesus said: 'I am the Bread
Kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me
Need not ever fear to die.'

I received the living God...

Jesus said: 'I am the Way,
And my Father longs for you;
So I come to bring you home
To be one with him anew.'

I received the living God...

Jesus said: 'I am the Truth;
If you follow close to me,
You will know me in your heart,
And my word shall make you free.'

I received the living God...

Jesus said: 'I am the Life
Far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this living bread,
And my Spirit you shall know.'

I received the living God...

Text: Anonymous

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River

GC 774

1. Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide for ever
Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river...
3. Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river...
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river...

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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/>

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To submit items for consideration for distribution via our electronic announcements postings, send them to dignitynewyork@gmail.com

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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.