

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 12, 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.

Link is at the end of the announcements. When you log on for Liturgy, you will be placed in a waiting room, please log on before liturgy to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins.

Zoom 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, beyond All Names, vs. 1-3

GC 491

1. God, beyond our dreams,
you have stirred in us a mem'ry;
you have placed your pow'rful spirit
in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us we have known you,
all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying
we are bringing you to birth.

2. God, beyond all names,
you have made us in your image;
we are like you, we reflect you;
we are woman, we are man.

3. God, beyond all words,
all creation tells your story;
you have shaken with our laughter,
you have trembled with our tears.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 63: Your Love Is Finer Than Life

GC 62

O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

1. As a dry and weary desert land,
so my soul is thirsting for my God,
and my flesh is faint for the God I seek,
for your love is more to me than life.

O God, I seek you...

2. I think of you when at night I rest,
I reflect upon your steadfast love,
I will cling to you, O Lord my God,
in the shadow of your wings I sing.

O God, I seek you...

3. I will bless your name all the days I live,
I will raise my hands and call on you,
my joyful lips shall sing your praise,
you alone have filled my hungry soul.

O God, I seek you...

Text: Psalm 63; Marty Haugen, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13 Nick Calamusa

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Nick Calamusa

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

PRESENTATION HYMN: Shelter Me, O God GC 636

Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings. You alone are my hope.

1. When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.
Hear me when I call your name.

Shelter me...

2. As a mother gathers her young beneath her care, gather me into your arms.
Shelter me...

3. Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye of death,
you will never leave my side.

Shelter me...

Text: Psalm 16:61, Luke 13:34; Bob Hurd, b.1950, 1984. 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!

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: Now In This Banquet

GC 833

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,
 make us your people of goodness and light.

Now in this banquet...

2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
 open our eyes to the glory of God.

Now in this banquet...

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,
 bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

Now in this banquet...

4. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
 'Strong' is your name, Lord, 'Gentle' and 'Kind.'

Now in this banquet...

5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.

Now in this banquet...

6. Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

Now in this banquet...

Advent : God of our journeys, daybreak to night; Lead us to justice and light.
Grant us compassion, strength for the day, Wisdom to walk in your way.

Lent : Lord, you can open hearts that are stone;
Live in our flesh and our bone;
Lead us to wonder, myst'ry and grace, One in your loving embrace.
Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: We Are Marching

GC 512

We are marching* in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching) Oo,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching) Oo,
We are marching in the light of God.

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, (hamba, siyahamba) Oo,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, (hamba, siyahamba) Oo,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

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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.

Community/Chapter to Reflect and Provide Input at St. John's on Saturday, November 11, 2023, 1 pm - 5 pm.

approximate times:

1:00-1:30 opening mindfulness and meditation followed by a brief discussion.

1:30-2:30 The State of the Community. Where have we been? Where are we currently?

2:30-3:15 Lunch/Snacks

3:15-4:45 The State of our Future. Open discussion and follow up on previously discussed items.

4:45-5:00 Closing remarks and comments.

New Vatican Document Opens Some Sacraments and Roles to Transgender, Gay Catholics: LGBTQIA+ Catholic Group Calls this "Encouraging" Is the title article on DignityUSA website. Check out the work DignityUSA is doing!

[Register now for our Advent Reflections—beginning November 29!](#)

November 1, 2023 | by DignityUSA | DignityUSA invites you to participate in our Advent Reflection Series for 2023. We are celebrating Pope Francis' welcome to all and his prophetic words given at a World Youth Day address: "Todos! Todos! Todos!" Todos means "all." All are welcome to join us for an advent-themed reflection on the week's readings, followed by group discussions.

The Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons has arrived! Advent starts on November 29, 2023. We want everyone in the community to have a book. The books are available at church now. If you are not able to pick one up at church, we will gladly ship one to you- email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

DignityUSA Membership Meeting Registration Now Open

Our annual membership meeting will be Saturday, November 18 at 2:00pm ET/11:00am PT, 9:00am HT. This meeting will be held via Zoom. This is an opportunity to hear from the DignityUSA Board about programmatic and fiscal accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2023.

Ballots were 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.

The link to join the meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

You will be put into a waiting room. Please join before liturgy begins so that you can participate. If you experience issues joining, please email dignitynewyork@gmail.com or text Lewis 917-836-5014.

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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