

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, 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 AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH WK 2

Come, O Come Emmanuel

GC 317

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
5. O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
6. O come, O Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...

Text: Veni, veni Emmanuel; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENTITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1-8

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 85: Come, O God, and Set Us Free GC 80

Come, O God, and set us free. Come, and set us free.

1. Now I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord who speaks of peace.
Near to us now, God's saving love for those who believe.

Come, O God...

2. Mercy and faithfulness shall meet, in justice and peace, embrace.
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice.

Come, O God...

3. Our God shall grant abundant gifts, the earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace.

Come, O God...

Text: Psalm 85; Mike Balhoff, Gary Daigle, Darryl Ducote, 1978, 1993, Damean Music.
Distributed by GIA Publications, Inc., refrain trans., 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* GC 198

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:33-37 Bob Anthony

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Bob Anthony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Emmanuel, hear our prayer.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: Prepare the Way of Our God GC 336

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM; adapt. from Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

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 201

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 203

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

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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:
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 207

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together

GC 832

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall...
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall...

Text: American folk hymn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL *People, Look East*

GC 318

1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

"People, Look East" was written by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) and was first published as "Carol of Advent" in Part 3 of "Modern Texts Written for or Adapted to Traditional Tunes" in The Oxford Book of Carols, 1928.

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.

DignityNY 2023 Advent Appeal will be emailed to everyone on Friday or Saturday. Members will receive it in the mail. We thank you for the generosity.

Juan A. Fonseca Wednesday, February 23, 2038 *- Monday, November 27, 2023

Visitation: Friday, December 8, 2023 | 3 pm - 8 pm at Sisto Funeral Home, Inc.

Service: Saturday, December 9, 2023 | 10:30 am at Sisto Funeral Home, Inc. located at 3489 Tremont Ave. Bronx, NY 10465 Luncheon afterwards at 12 pm, The Pine 1913 Bronxdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10462

For anyone that cannot make it to services but want to watch:

The Zoom room will be opened earlier than 6pm. So check in around 5:00pm/5:30pm.

Topic: Juan Fonseca's Funeral
Time: Dec 8, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328755864?pwd=WGZDV0E4eVNCc2FiMG96VWJVTU44dz09>

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*Announcement during the week had an incorrect year.

Last week's homily will be posted Saturday night so many reading this will see it on the usual places.

[Donate to the DignityUSA 2023 Advent Appeal!](#)

November 28, 2023 | by DignityUSA | Donate to DignityUSA's Advent Appeal to help us continue our mission of championing respect and justice for all sexual orientations, genders and identities within the Catholic Church and beyond.

[Preregister for DignityUSA's 2025 Conference to Get a Registration Discount!](#)

November 21, 2023 | by DignityUSA | Preregistration is now open! Secure your spot and get a discount off the registration cost.

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 are 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.

Register now for DignityUSA 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.

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!

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](#) ; **Threads:** [dignity_ny](#); **Instagram:** [dignity_ny](#)

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.

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

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