

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2024***

Everyone is welcome to join us in person at St. John's or on Zoom  
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.

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**MESSAGE FROM DIGNITYUSA issued January 6, 2024**

**Fond greetings** to all of you as you gather in person and online for the first time since early December. We recognize and honor that there may well be heightened emotions of excitement to be back together, anxiety about the level of safety for those who come together, and conflicted feelings for those who cannot be present or who choose to participate online given the recent threat. We are grateful to each of you for being part of the Dignity New York and DignityUSA communities.

**Once again, as representatives of DignityUSA**, we extend special thanks to the Steering Committee members and others who have been in the forefront of managing the response to the threat that was received. You have acted with profound concern for the safety

and spiritual needs of your community, and have represented all of us so well in your interactions with your host community, law enforcement, and public officials. You have given a great deal of time and psychic energy, listened well, and have helped to validate a range of reactions to a hateful threat. You ensured that the community continued to have a way to gather, and that the liturgies offered over the last few weeks were as rich and beautiful as always. You have acted as good and faithful servant-leaders, demonstrating wisdom and compassion.

**We trust that this liturgy** and those that follow will, indeed, provide safe and supportive space for all who seek the blessings of prophetic spiritual community that you have built over 50+ years. We pray along with you for all in need of this community, and for those who object to our right to gather. As we celebrate the wonderful feast of the Epiphany, we continue to live in the hope and wonder of Christmas, and trust that these themes will be expressed beautifully in your liturgy tonight.

**Meli Barber, President**

**Marianne Duddy-Burke, Executive Director**

**WELCOME:**

**OPENING HYMN: Two Fishermen**

**GC 688**

1. Two fishermen, who lived along  
The Sea of Galilee,  
Stood by the shore to cast their nets  
Into an ageless sea.  
Now Jesus watched them from afar  
Then called them each by name;  
It changed their lives, these simple men;  
They'd never be the same.  
Leave all things you have  
And come and follow me,  
And come and follow me.
2. And as he walked along the shore  
'Twas James and John he'd find,  
And these two sons of Zebedee  
Would leave their boats behind.  
Their work and all they held so dear  
They left beside their nets.  
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;  
They came without regret.  
Leave all things you have...
3. O Simon Peter, Andrew, James  
And John beloved one,  
You heard Christ's call to speak good news  
Revealed to God's own Son.  
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene  
Who traveled with your Lord,  
You ministered to him with joy

For he is God adored.  
Leave all things you have...

4. And you, good Christians, one and all  
Who'd follow Jesus' way,  
Come leave behind what keeps you bound  
To trappings of our day,  
And listen as he calls your name  
To come and follow near,  
For still he speaks in varied ways  
To those his call will hear.  
Leave all things you have...

Text: Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING:**                      **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**RESPONSORIAL:**    **Psalm 25: To You, O God**

**GC 36**

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

1. God, 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 our God 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 God,  
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:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Halle, Halle, Halle*

**GC 259**

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:14-20

**Bob Anthony**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

**Bob Anthony**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** *Strengthen us, O God.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN:** **Abide With Me**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see—  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*Baptist Hymnal 2008 88*

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte

MUSIC (EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.): William Henry Monk

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** (Based on Reconciliation II)

*Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.*

*Preface Acclamation: Sanctus*

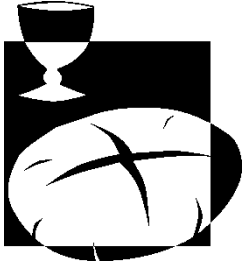
**GC 201**

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.

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 203**

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 207**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN:**      **Look Beyond**      **GC 843**

Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior and your Lord.  
Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as blood.

1.      Give us a sign that we might believe in you. Moses had manna from the sky.  
Look beyond...
2.      I am the bread which from the heavens came; Those who eat this bread will never die.  
Look beyond...
3.      The bread I give you will be my very flesh; My blood will truly be your drink.  
Look beyond...
4.      This man speaks harshly; who can listen to his word? We shall no longer follow him.  
Look beyond...
5.      You, my disciples, will you also leave? Lord to whom can we go?

Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior and your Lord.  
Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as blood.  
See his life poured out as blood.

Text: Darryl Ducote, b.1945, 1969, 1979, Damean Music. Distributed by GIA Publications, Inc.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**CONCLUDING HYMN:**      **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**      **GC 507**

1.      I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2.      I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.  
In him there is...

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is...

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, 1970, 1975, Celebration

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Announcements and Acknowledgement

**Please see the Important DignityUSA Letter (from January 7, 2024) to our Community on page 1 and 2 of this worship aid.**

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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.

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Dignity/New York will remember Juan Fonseca at its weekly liturgy on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm (St. John's in the Village Church).

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Memorial Funeral Liturgy will be Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 2 pm (St. John's in the Village Church).

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Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

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### Lent at DignityNY

We will have ashes for people to use for the service if you cannot participate in person. There will be ashes at the Center for those in-person. We can mail ashes with the Little Black Book for Lent (or without the book) or you can pick up ashes at the liturgy starting on Sunday, January 28, 2024. There will not be any mailings for ashes after February 6, 2024. Please email [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) with your mailing address.

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The Little Black Book for Lent will arrive in the next week! Lent begins on February 14 2024. We want everyone in the community to have a book. If you are not able to pick one up at church, we will gladly ship one to you- email [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

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### Join us for Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6 pm

### Distribution of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word

### We plan to broadcast via Zoom

To confirm your participation, email us at [liturgy@dignityny.org](mailto:liturgy@dignityny.org) (this is for people who are not familiar with our community. If you attend our Sunday liturgies you do not need to respond). Seating is limited.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center,  
208 W 13th St., New York, NY 10011

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**Lenten Prayer Service via Zoom, date and time to be determined**

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**Join us for Good Friday Service**

**We plan to broadcast via Zoom**

Friday, March 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm

To confirm your participation, email us at [liturgy@dignityny.org](mailto:liturgy@dignityny.org) (this is for people who are not familiar with our community. If you attend our Sunday liturgies you do not need to respond).

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**DignityNY 2023 Advent Appeal. There are still opportunities to contribute. We thank you for the generosity. To get to the Donate to a Chapter option on [DignityUSA.org](http://DignityUSA.org), use the "Ways to Give" tab or go the [DignityNY.org](http://DignityNY.org) and click "Donate Now"; select "Dignity New York" as the chapter.**

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**[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.

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**[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.

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2024 DignityNY Calendars are now available at the back of church. The calendars are religious with all the saint days and Sundays are marked on them. Thank Hector for his generosity.

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**Save the Date: Online Gathering 2024**

2024 Online Gathering Keynote Speaker: Jason Steidl Jack

We're pleased to announce our 2024 Online Gathering, to be held on March 16 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm ET/1:00pm - 3:30pm CT/12:00pm to 2:30pm MT/11:30am - 1:30pm PT. Theologian and author of the book "LGBTQ Catholic Ministry: Past and Present, Jason Steidl Jack, will be our keynote speaker. This will be a memorable event; so we hope you'll join us. Registration will be available in January—so stay tuned!

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Sandy Thezan has a fundraising goal of \$3,000 as she takes the plunge for the 2024 Special Olympics NY. The Polar Plunge donations will support NY Special Olympics athletic training.

Here is the link to donate: <http://events.nyso.org/goto/Sthezan>

If you would like to donate by check, please make your check payable to "Special Olympics NY," Memo: "Sandy Thezan" and mail the check to:

6 Anthony Drive  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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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!



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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](#)

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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.

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Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to [DignityUSA.org](http://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.

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**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](mailto:Volunteer@dignityny.org)

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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](mailto:ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org)

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**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.

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**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](http://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)

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**Steering Committee members:** Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velasquez

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**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>

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**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>

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For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <https://dignityny.org/>

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**To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list**, send an e mail [dny@dignityny.org](mailto:dny@dignityny.org), or use the link on our home page.

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**To submit items for consideration for distribution** via our electronic announcements postings, send them to [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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The link to join the meeting is

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

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**Meeting ID: 231 599 312      Password: 333 333**

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