

**Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time & Remembering Juan Fonseca, January 28, 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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**WELCOME:**

**OPENING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning**

**GC 556**

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing...

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing...

4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing...

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

#### **SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

#### **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

#### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

#### **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 Corinthians 7:32-34, 35**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**           ***Halle, Halle, Halle***                                   **GC 259**

**GOSPEL READING:**               **Mark 1:21-2**                   **Olga Montanez - Martinez, Mdiv.**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**                                   **Olga Montanez - Martinez, Mdiv.**

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

**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

**EUCHARISTIC 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 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.

**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 207**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN:** **Be Not Afraid** **GC 608**

1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me,  
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters

in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

To Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

To Refrain

Text: Isaiah 43:2–3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943  
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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**CONCLUDING HYMN: Lord, When You Came / Pescador de Hombres GC 696**

*(please sing refrain in Spanish)*

1. Lord, when you came to the seashore  
You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,  
But only asking that I might follow.

Señor me has mirado a los ojos,  
sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,  
en la arena he dejado mi barca,  
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

2. Lord, you knew what my boat carried:  
Neither money nor weapons for fighting,  
But nets for fishing, my daily labor.

Señor me has mirado a los ojos,...

3. Lord, have you need of my labor,  
Hands for service, a heart made for loving,

My arms for lifting the poor and broken?

Señor me has mirado a los ojos,...

- 4. Lord, send me where you would have me,  
To a village, or heart of the city;  
I will remember that you are with me.  
Señor me has mirado a los ojos,...

Text: Pescador de Hombres, Ces·reo Gabar·in, © 1979, published by OCP Publications; trans. by Willard F. Jabusch, b.1930, © 1982, administered by OCP Publications.

## 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 please exit through the common room.

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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 for Jimmy Lopez-Acosta will be Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 2 pm (St. John's in the Village Church).

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**Next Sunday's Liturgy (February 4, 2024) will have a Healing Service for those in-person and online.**

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

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#### **Journey with DignityNY this Lent**

In order to prepare for Lent, we will have ashes for people to use for the Ash Wednesday service if you cannot participate in-person. We will have 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 and the Little Black Book for Lent at the church 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.

The Little Black Books for Lent have arrived! 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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**DignityNY Lenten Prayer Services via Zoom at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 22, 2024 and Thursday, March 14, 2024**

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

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If you would like to be a reader, help with tech, help set up or take down items for our Center events, please email [liturgy@dignityny.org](mailto:liturgy@dignityny.org). Thank you!

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DignityUSA invites you to participate in our Lenten Reflections for 2024. All are welcome to join us for a Lent-themed reflection on the week's readings, followed by group discussions. This reflection series takes place each Wednesday, February 21 through March 27, from 8pm - 9pm ET (7pm-8pm CT/ 6pm-7pm MT/ 5pm-6pm PT). **The reflection series is free, but registration is required via the DignityUSA website.**

**Time:** Wednesdays, 8pm - 9pm ET (7pm-8pm CT/ 6pm-7pm MT/ 5pm-6pm PT)  
**Dates:** February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27  
**Location:** Zoom

After you register you will receive a reminder email each week with the upcoming week's readings and discussion questions, as well as the Zoom link. Feel free to attend all sessions, or only those for which you are available.

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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](https://DignityUSA.org), use the "Ways to Give" tab or go the [DignityNY.org](https://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: March 16 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm ET/**

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>**

**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:

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

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