

**\Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time & Healing Service , February 4, 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 and make sure your name is associated at login to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins. We will not admit anyone who has a cryptic identification for the safety of the broadcast.

Zoom Instructions and Preparation

- Before 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: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

GC 663

1. As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors ev'rywhere.
2. We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, list'ning Spirit,
We would live to God's delight.
3. As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENTITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: **Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

RESPONSORIAL: **Psalm 147: Bless Our God, My Soul**

GC 141

Bless our God, my soul, who heals the brokenhearted.

1. Praise our God, O Jerusalem, chant praises to your God.
 The strength of God is your fortress sure,
 and blessed are your children.

Bless our God...

2. All praise to you, O gracious God, your goodness fills the earth.
 You raise anew Jerusalem, and gather all your lost ones.

Bless our God...

3. You heal the hurt and broken heart, you bind up ev'ry wound,
 you number all the stars of night and call each one by name.

Bless our God...

4. The peace of God shall be your hope, God's finest wheat, your food,
 the word of God fills all the earth, as rapid as the whirlwind.

Bless our God...

Text: Psalm 147:12-13, 1-2, 3-4, 14-15; Marty Haugen, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Halle*

GC 259

GOSPEL READING: **Mark 1:29-39**

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

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HEALING SERVICE in-person and online

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

PRESENTATION HYMN: **There is a Balm in Gilead** **GC 648**

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

There is a balm...

2. If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say, 'He died for all!'

There is a balm...

3. Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

There is a balm...
Text: Jeremiah 8:22, African-American spiritual

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:

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

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: **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart** **GC 815**

You satisfy the hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat;

Come give to us, O saving Lord,

The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

You satisfy the hungry heart...

4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

You satisfy the hungry heart...

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998, 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: City of God

GC 678

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
the One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God...

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God...

4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice.
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Let us build the city of God...

Text: Dan Schutte, b.1947, 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music. Published 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.

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

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

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

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 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 with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

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 (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

DignityNY Lenten Prayer Services via Zoom at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 22, 2024 and Thursday, March 14, 2024

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 (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

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. Thank you!

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 your 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.

[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.

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.

Register Now for Synod Listening Sessions

A promotional poster for Synod Listening Sessions. The background is light blue with a large orange sun and a stylized orange tree. At the bottom right, there are colorful silhouettes of diverse people. A yellow banner with a megaphone icon says 'REGISTER NOW'. The DignityUSA logo is in the bottom left corner.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

SPEAK OUT ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE AND ALLIES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING CONTINUED SYNOD ON SYNODALITY SESSIONS IN ROME THIS OCTOBER.

TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE:
THURSDAY, FEB. 15 - 8PM ET/5PM PT
SATURDAY, MAR. 2 - 2PM ET/11AM PT

REGISTER NOW

 **DIGNITYUSA**

In preparation for the second Assembly of the Synod in October 2024, the Vatican is once again inviting input from the universal church and beyond. DignityUSA will hold two Listening Sessions focused on the current questions of how we have responded to the work of the Synod to date, how our church can operate in more synodal ways, and our own experiences being part of a Catholic organization that has operated in a synodal model for decades. The same questions and process will be used at each of these sessions. We hope one works for your schedule. If not, we will be developing a way for you to submit thoughts online. The questions to consider will be sent out in advance of the sessions.

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!

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

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, Robert Brande, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner and Jeff Stone

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:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312 Password: 333 333

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