

**\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.

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**WELCOME:**

**OPENING HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**GC 646**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.
  
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that lifegiving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.
  
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENTITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

**RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us**

**GC 45**

Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

1. Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful;  
you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.

Let your mercy...

2. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope,  
to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.

Let your mercy...

3. Exult, you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous!  
How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!

Let your mercy...

4. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

Let your mercy...

Text: Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 12, 18-19, 20, 22; Marty Haugen, 1987, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.;  
refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

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

**GC 259**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:40-45`**

**Brendan Fay**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

**Brendan Fay**

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

**PRESENTATION HYMN: Healer of our Every Ill**

**GC 882**

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness,  
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

2. In the pain and joy beholding,  
How your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision: God of love.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

3. Give us strength to love each other,  
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,  
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
Teach us all your way of healing,  
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Healer of our ev'ry ill...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

(Based on Reconciliation II)

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

*Preface Acclamation: Sanctus*

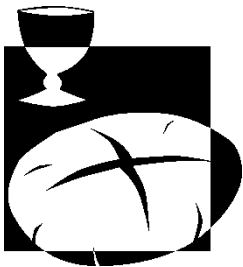
**GC 201**

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:**     **Eye Has Not Seen** **GC 638**

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1.     When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,  
       forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen...

2.     Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,  
       yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen...

3.     To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
       reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Eye has not seen...

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen...

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### CONCLUDING HYMN: **Amazing Grace**

**GC 612**

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl.1859

## 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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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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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).

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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. on Zoom. 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

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

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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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# Register Now for Synod Listening Sessions

## **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**



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.

We will have two sessions: Thursday, February 15, 8:00pm – 9:30pm ET (7:00pm - 8:30pm CT/ 6:00pm - 7:30pm MT/ 5:00pm - 6:30pm PT) and Saturday, March 2, 2:00pm – 3:30 PM ET (1:00pm - 2:30pm CT/ 12:00pm - 1:30pm MT/ 11:00am - 12:30pm PT.)

Register now to receive the Zoom link and reminders.

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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