

Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom

Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 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: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

GC 800

1. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love,
And do what you would do.
2. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
My will to yours incline,
Until this selfish part of me
Glow with your fire divine.
4. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 103: Our God is Kind and Merciful GC 100

Our God is kind and merciful, our God is kind and merciful.

1. Bless our God, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;
bless our God, and forget not God's benefits.

Our God is kind...

2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with his kindness.

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:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC 291

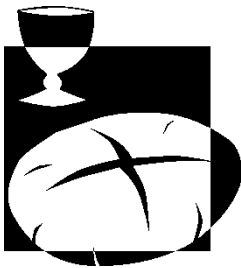
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is one, blessed is one who comes in the name of our God.
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 294

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 308

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

COMMUNION HYMN: **I Myself Am the Bread of Life**

GC 824

Refrain

I myself am the bread of life.

You and I are the bread of life,

taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ
that the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit,
gift of the Maker's love,
and we who share it know that we can be one:
a living sign of God in Christ.

2. Here is God's kingdom
given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
a living sign of God in Christ.

3. Lives broken open,
stories shared aloud,
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
a living sign of God in Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Awake, O Sleeper

GC 803

Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night;
the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

- 1. Once you were darkness, once you were lost in the shadows.
Once you were darkness, now you are children of light.

Awake, O sleeper...

- 2. Live as God's people, live as God's justice and mercy,
filled with compassion, filled with the power of love.

Awake, O sleeper...

- 3. Shine out with the splendor of love, shine with justice and righteousness.
Sing the music your spirit has heard, the songs of glory and light.

Awake, O sleeper...

Text: Ephesians 5; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements and Acknowledgement

We pray for the repose of Nex Bennett and for their family as they grieve the loss of Nex at the beginning of February. We pray that there may be no more deaths/murders of transgender and gender fluid children and adults.

We recognize and honor Women in our lives and throughout history. Women have made many have significant contributions to society that have not been revealed or recognized for their true contribution.

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.

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

Dignity/New York will march in the St. Pat's For All Parade this Sunday, March 3, 2024. It is the 25th Anniversary Parade - Dignity/New York has marched in every one from snow to rain to balmy weather! Please join us at the corner

- *43rd Street & Skillman Avenue, Queens*
- *12pm for speeches and 1 pm parade kickoff. The parade continues down Skillman Ave and makes a left turn to Woodside.*

Last Synod Listening Session is Today(March 2)

Join us for DignityUSA's Synod Listening Sessions on Zoom encouraging our members and friends to 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. 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).

**March 2, 2024
2:00pm**

Journey with DignityNY this Lent

The Little Black Books for Lent have arrived! We will gladly ship The Little Black Book for Lent, - email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

DignityNY Lenten Prayer Service via Zoom at 7:30 pm on 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. 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 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

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.

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! **Our own Chris Alberti will be one of the workshop speakers - sign up!**

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

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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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.

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Register now to receive the Zoom link and reminders.

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