

**Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom  
Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 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 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

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENTITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23**

**RESPONSORIAL: 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

**SECOND READING:**                      **Ephesians 2:4-10**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**            ***Return to God***                                      **GC 389**

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God. (2x)

**GOSPEL READING:**                      **John 3:14-21**                                      **Rev. Dr. José M. Román**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**    **Rev. Dr. José M. Román**

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

**PRESENTATION HYMN:**            ***Within Our Darkest Night (3x)***                                      **GC 644**

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.

Text: TaizÉ Community, 1991, © 1991, Les Presses de TaizÉ, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

**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 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!

**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 294

**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 308**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN: Now In This Banquet GC 833 (please sing Lenten refrain)**

God you can open hearts that are stone;  
Live in our flesh and our bone;  
Lead us to wonder, myst'ry and grace, One in your loving embrace.

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,  
make us your people of goodness and light.

God you can open hearts...

2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;  
open our eyes to the glory of God.

God you can open hearts...

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,  
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

God you can open hearts...

4. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,  
'Strong' is your name, Lord, 'Gentle' and 'Kind.'

God you can open hearts...

5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.

God you can open hearts...

6. Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

God you can open hearts...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, 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 recognize and honor Women in our lives and throughout history. Women have made many significant contributions to society that have not been revealed or recognized for their true contribution.

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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 please exit through the common room.

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

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The Little White Books for Easter have arrived! We will gladly ship one to you by sending an email [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) with your mailing address.

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**Next Sunday, March 17th, we will bless holy oil** for use in the coming year for our healing services which includes when there are home visits by Bob Anthony. We will also use the oil to anoint each of us Sunday. We will also have small containers of balm for each of you to take home. If you have cannot make it to church, we can ship balm to you. Send an email to [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) We will ask you to help pay for shipping.

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**Journey with DignityNY this Lent**

**DignityNY Lenten Prayer Service via Zoom at 7:30 pm on 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. 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:** 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.

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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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**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!**

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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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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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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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