

**Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom  
Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17 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: Song Over the Waters**

**GC 585**

(hymn only, no Sprinkling Rite)

God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;  
and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters,  
make us people of the water and your name.

1. Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus,  
let us shine with your light and peace.

God, you have moved...

2. Give us a thirst for love, give us a hunger for justice,  
make us one with the mind of Christ.

God, you have moved...

3. You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hopeless,  
come and fill us with light and peace.

God, you have moved...

4. Come, open ev'ry heart, come now and wake us to wonder,  
make us vessels of light and peace.

God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;  
and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters,  
make us people of the water and your name. Make us people of the water and your name.

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

**SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

**PENTITENTIAL RITE:**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy**

**GC 127**

Refrain: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you,

Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;  
O let your ear be open to my pleading.

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
then who could stand within your sight?  
But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.

3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,  
even more I long for the Lord, my God,  
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

Text: Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL

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**SECOND READING:**                      **Hebrews 5:7-9**

**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 12:20-33**                                      **Brendan Fay**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**    **Brendan Fay**

**BLESSING OF OIL AND ANOINTING**

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

**PRESENTATION HYMN:**            **Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life**                                      **GC 577**

1.    **Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:**  
      **Such a way as gives us breath;**  
      **Such a truth as ends all strife;**  
      **Such a life as killeth death.**
2.    **Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:**  
      **Such a light as shows a feast;**  
      **Such a feast as mends in length;**  
      **Such a strength as makes his guest.**
3.    **Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:**  
      **Such a joy as none can move;**  
      **Such a love as none can part;**  
      **Such a heart as joys in love.**

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

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

*Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy*

GC 291

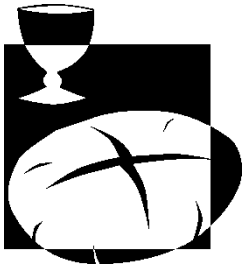
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory:  
Hosanna in the highest!

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.*

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever.
5. Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world.

1. Yo soy el Pan de Vida. A mí vengan: no tendrán hambre.  
En mí crean: no tendrán sed. Nadie viene\_a mí  
si mi Padre no lo\_atrae.

#### Estribillo

Yo los resucitaré,  
Yo los resucitaré,  
Yo los resucitaré en el día final.

2. El pan que yo daré es mi carne, la vida del mundo.  
Los que comen de\_este pan vivirán por siempre,  
vivirán por siempre.
3. Si ustedes no comen la carne del Hijo del Hombre,  
y no beben de su sangre, no beben de su sangre,  
no podrán tener mi vida.
4. Yo soy la Resurrección,  
Yo soy la Vida.  
Si en mí ustedes creen,  
aunque hayan muerto,  
vivirán por siempre.
5. Sí, Señor, creemos que tú\_eres el Mesías,  
el Hijo de Dios, que has venido\_al mundo  
para redimirnos.

Text: John 6 and 11; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927; tr. by anon., rev. By Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946, © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993, 2005, GIA Publications, Inc.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

#### **CONCLUDING HYMN: Jerusalem, My Destiny**

**GC 390**

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!  
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.  
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.  
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.  
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.

I have fixed my eyes...

2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.  
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 3. In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.  
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 4. All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.  
Here among you I have found a vision, bright and new.

I have fixed my eyes...

- 5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.  
Here among you I awoke to unexpected dawn.

I have fixed my eyes...

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

### 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 and will be available at the back of the church. 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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**This 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).

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### Journey with DignityNY this Lent

#### 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 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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