

**Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Palm Sunday - March 24, 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:

**COMMEMORATION OF JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM:
SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:**

BLESSING OF BRANCHES:

READING FOR THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS/PROCESSION:

HYMN: Bring Forth the Kindom

GC 658

1. Cantor: You are salt for the earth, O people:
All: Salt for the Kindom of God!
Cantor: Share the flavor of life, O people:
All: Life in the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kindom of peace;
Bring forth the Kindom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

2. Cantor: You are a light on the hill, O people:
All: Light for the City of God!
Cantor: Shine so holy and bright, O people:
All: Shine for the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom...

3. Cantor: You are a seed of the Word, O people:
All: Bring forth the Kindom of God!
Cantor: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
All: Grow in the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom...

4. Cantor: We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
All: Bound for the Kindom of God!
Cantor: Love our journey and love our homeland:
All: Love is the Kindom of God!

Bring forth the Kindom...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 50:4-7**

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 22: My God, My God

GC 29

My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me laugh at me,
they mock me and they shake their heads:
'He relied on the Lord,
let the Lord be his refuge.'

My God, my God...

2. As dogs around me,
they circle me about.
Wounded me and pierced me,
I can number all my bones.

My God, my God...

3. My clothing they divided,
for my garments casting lots,
O Lord, do not desert me,
but hasten to my aid.

My God, my God...

4. I will praise you to my people,
and proclaim you in their midst,
O fear the Lord, my people,
give glory to God's name.

My God, my God...

Text: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Marty Haugen, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING: **Philippians 2:5-11**

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: **Mark 14:1 – 16:47** **Bob Anthony +**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: **Bob Anthony**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Be near us, O God.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: **O Sacred Head Surrounded** **GC 415**

1. O Sacred Head surrounded
 By crown of piercing thorn!
 O bleeding Head, so wounded,
 Reviled and put to scorn!
 The pow'r of death comes o'er you,
 The glow of life decays,
 Yet angel hosts adore you,
 And tremble as they gaze.
2. I see your strength and vigor
 All fading in the strife,
 And death with cruel rigor,
 Bereaving you of life;
 O agony and dying!
 O love to sinners free!
 Jesus, all grace supplying,
 O turn your face on me.
3. In this, your bitter passion,
 Good Shepherd, think of me
 With your most sweet compassion,
 Unworthy though I be:
 Beneath your cross abiding
 For ever would I rest,
 In your dear love confiding,
 And with your presence blest.

Text: *Salve caput cruentatum*; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Henry Baker, 1821-1877

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy **GC 291**

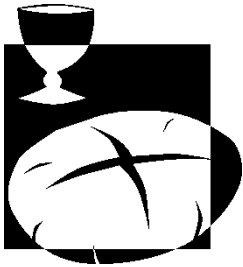
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest!

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.*

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: **Were You There**

GC 416

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
6. Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Text: African-American spiritual

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.

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.

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 with your mailing address.

On Sunday, March 17th, we blessed holy oil for use in the coming year for our healing services which includes when there are home visits by Bob Anthony. We have small containers of balm for each of you to take home. If you did not make it to church on March 17, you can pick up a container at church or have the balm shipped to you. Send an email to dignitynewyork@gmail.com.

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 (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. Last session in this reflection series takes place each Wednesday, 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 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.

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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