

**Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 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

- ***Bring a small amount of water to bless yourself each Sunday of Easter***
- 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:

Presider: Lewis Speaks-Tanner Homilist: Robert Mason

HYMN: Take Up Your Cross

GC 698

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
And calmly ev'ry danger brave:
It guides you to a better home
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

All: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: Blessed be God,
who gives us life with all of creation,
joins us to the saving death of + Christ,
and raises us to new life by the Holy Spirit.
Blessed be the Trinity.

All: **Blessed be God forever.**

HYMN: This Is the Feast v 4

GC 429

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
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This is the feast...

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 66: Let All the Earth GC 65

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord; Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord!

1. Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth,
sing to the praise of God's name, proclaiming forever,
'tremendous your deeds for us.'

Let all the earth cry out...

2. Leading your people safe through fire and water,
bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory,
your love is eternal.

Let all the earth cry out...

3. Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord,
who answers the prayer of my heart.
God leads me in safety, from death unto life.

Let all the earth cry out...

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia James Chepponis

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17 Robert Mason

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Robert Mason

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Risen Savior, hear us.

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:

*Adapted by Fr. Joseph McOscar, from ICEL, An Original Eucharistic Prayer
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.*

Presider: Blessed are you Strong and Faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning, your word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your own image humankind, the crown of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we chant the ageless hymn of your glory.

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC 228

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: All Holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world.

ALL: As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last forever and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Presider: God most gracious, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us,

ALL: And over our earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved.

He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation: He broke the bread among his disciples 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 disciples 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 306

Presider: God most Holy, we commemorate Jesus, Your Beloved One, as we offer this sacrifice.

ALL: Death could not bind Him up, for You raised him up in the Spirit of Holiness and exalted him as the Source of all creation. May the coming again of Christ in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

Presider: Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise, together with our Pope, our bishops, our Dignity leaders and all those who minister among your people, and those whose gifts and vocations are not yet recognized by your Church on earth.

ALL: We pray for ourselves here present and for all whose lives bring hope to this world. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, especially those we remember in our hearts.

Presider: We pray for those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, and with all your Saints.

ALL: Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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:

GC 183

(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 171

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

COMMUNION HYMN: **Be Not Afraid**

GC 608

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

To Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

To Refrain

Text: Isaiah 43:2–3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Each response ends with Alleluia, Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN: Guide My Feet

GC 707

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

3. Stand by me while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
4. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
5. Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
6. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Text: African-American spiritual

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.

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

Check out the DignityUSA article "[A Letter to Catholics About the Vatican's "Dignitas Infinita" \(On Human Dignity\): We Are With You](#)"

There will be a memorial mass for Jimmy Lopez Acosta:

Saturday, April 27, 2024 5 - 7 PM Eastern

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

10 Austin Place

Staten Island, NY 10304

SATURDAY MAY 4TH AT 12:00 NOON This is a midday prayer service for trans visibility at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, with a trans preacher ([Lynn Walker](#)), choir ([TRANScend Ambassadors](#)), and salsa band ([Las Mariquitas](#)). Although the service was planned by mostly Episcopalians, we've tried to be intentional about making it ecumenically welcoming. We would love and be deeply honored if some Dignity members wanted to attend. Please refer to the attached PDF.

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.

DignityNY will be participating in AIDS Walk NY again this year on May 19th! Team will be registered in the next few days. Consider raising money for this worthy cause!

DignityUSA mailing address has changed. It is now

DignityUSA

51 Pleasant St. #1107

Malden, MA 02148

If you have automatic payments that are sent to our mailing address, please be sure to update your bank or financial institution to reflect this change. Thank you!

[Preregister for DignityUSA's 2025 Conference to Get a Registration Discount!](#)

Preregistration is valid through April 30, 2025

Preregistration for Conference 2025 is now open! With a deposit of \$100.00, you can secure your spot AND get a discount off the registration cost. The conference will be held July 4-6, 2025 at Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio.

July 4, 2025 to July 6, 2025

[Screening and Chat with Sr. Jeannine Gramick: Dignity Philadelphia 50th Anniversary Recording](#)

Please join us on Sunday, April 28, 2pm ET/11am PT for the screening premiere of a Q&A with Sr. Jeannine Gramick recorded in May 2023 as part of Dignity Philadelphia’s 50th Anniversary celebration. In the video, Sr. Jeannine talks about her role in the founding of Dignity Philadelphia, including her friendship with Dominic Bash, and being set on the path of advocating for LGBTQIA+ people in the Catholic Church. Sr. Jeannine also recounts her run-in with Cardinal Ratzinger and discusses her hopes for LGBTQIA+ people and the Catholic Church.

We will also be joined by Sr. Jeannine herself, who will share a few words about all that has taken place since the recording in May 2023, including her meeting with Pope Francis and the Vatican’s announcement in late 2023 about blessing same-sex unions. **Registration is required (go to www.DignityUSA.org)**

April 28, 2024
2:00pm

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**](#)

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

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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.

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:

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