

Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 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: Nick Calamusa

HYMN: Gather Us In GC 744

GC 856

I know that my Redeemer lives, on the last day I will arise again!
In my flesh I shall see God! I shall see my God!

1. This is the hope I cherish. I shall see my God!
This is the hope I cherish in my heart. I shall see my God!

I know that my Redeemer...

2. Jesus is the fount of lasting life. I shall see my God!
All who come to drink shall have this life. I shall see my God!

I know that my Redeemer...

Text: Kevin Keil, b.1965, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 2

GC 429

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

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

This is the feast...

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 118: Let Us Rejoice

GC 114

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: Alexander Means, 1801-1853

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:

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: 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 306

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 171

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

COMMUNION HYMN: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

dGC 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

Each response ends with Alleluia, Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN: Sing with All the Saints in Glory

GC 442

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.
2. O what glory, far exceeding

All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading,
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits;
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead;
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
Saints all longing for their heav'n,
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
All await the glory giv'n.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amidst earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812-1883, alt.

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](#)"

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.

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/>

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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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