

**Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Second Sunday of Easter - April 7, 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: Marta Colomer

HYMN: O Sons and Daughters, vs. 1, 4 - 8

GC 423

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heav'n the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

Alleluia...

4. That night the apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said, 'My peace be on all here.' Alleluia!

Alleluia...

5. When Thomas, first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

Alleluia...

6. 'My wounded side, O Thomas, see;
Behold my hands, my feet,' said he,
'Not faithless, but believing be.' Alleluia!

Alleluia...

7. No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'You are my Lord and God,' he cried. Alleluia!

Alleluia...

8. How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Alleluia...

Text: O filii et filiae; Jean Tisserand, d.1494; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, 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

GC 429

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

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast...

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 118: Let Us Rejoice

GC 114

This is the day our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad;
this is the day our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

Or: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to our God, for God is good;
God's mercy endures for ever;
Let the house of Israel say:
'God's mercy endures for ever.'

This is the day...

Or: Alleluia...

2. The hand of our God has struck with pow'r,
his right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew,
declaring the works of our God.

This is the day...

Or: Alleluia...

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,
our God of love and mercy
has brought wonder to our eyes!

This is the day...

Or: Alleluia...

Text: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Martyr Haugen, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans.
1969, ICEL

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Festival Alleluia* *James Chepponis*

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31 Lewis Speaks- Tanner

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Lewis Speaks-Tanner

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Risen Savior, hear us.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: **We Walk by Faith** **GC 590**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry 'My Lord and God!'

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found:

4. That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

5. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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.

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.

dEucharistic 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: Eye Has Not Seen

GC 638

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen...

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen...

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Eye has not seen...

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen...

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Each response ends with Alleluia, Alleluia.

CONCLUDING HYMN: Resucito

GC 432

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó.

1. La muerte
¿dónde_está la muerte?
¿Dónde_está mi muerte?
¿Dónde su victoria?
2. Gracias sean
dadas al Padre
que nos pasó_a su reino
dónde se vive de_amor.
3. Alegría,
alegría_hermanos,
que si hoy nos queremos
es que resucitó.
4. Si con Él morimos,
con Él vivimos,
con Él cantamos,
¡Aleluya!

1. And death now,

vanished is the fear now,
banished are my tears now,
death has passed away.

2. The kingdom,
praise to God, the kingdom!
Raised up to the kingdom,
we shall live in love.

3. Our gladness,
blissful in our gladness,
this will be our gladness,
that he is alive.

4. With him then,
die and live with him then,
rise and sing our hymn then,
sing alleluia.

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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.

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 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

8:00am

[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](#)

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

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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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