

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
St. Mary of Magdala July 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

- 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, gGay, 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 and Homilist: Danny Larkin

HYMN: Two Fishermen

GC 688

1. Two fishermen, who lived along
The Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets
Into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar
Then called them each by name;
It changed their lives, these simple men;
They'd never be the same.

Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me.
2. And as he walked along the shore
'Twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee
Would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear
They left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;
They came without regret.
Leave all things you have...
3. O Simon Peter, Andrew, James
And John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news
Revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene
Who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to him with joy
For he is God adored.
Leave all things you have...
4. And you, good Christians, one and all
Who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound
To trappings of our day,
And listen as he calls your name
To come and follow near,
For still he speaks in varied ways
To those his call will hear.
Leave all things you have...

Text: Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: **Song of Songs 3, 1-4**

RESPONSORIAL: **Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God** **GC 31**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God...

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God...

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God...

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Shepherd me, O God...

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God...

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: **2 Corinthians 5, 14-17**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* **GC 198**

GOSPEL READING: **John 20:1-18**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

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

PRESENTATION HYMN: *For You Are My God* **GC 616**

Refrain

For you are my God;
you alone are my joy.

Defend me, O Lord.

1. You give marvelous comrades to me;
the faithful who dwell in your land.
Those who choose alien gods
have chosen an alien band.

2. You are my portion and cup;
it is you that I claim for my prize.
Your heritage is my delight,
the lot you have given to me.

3. Glad are my heart and my soul;
securely my body shall rest.
For you will not leave me for dead,
nor lead your beloved astray.

4. You show me the path for my life;
in your presence the fullness of joy.
To be at your right hand forever
for me would be happiness always.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Adapted from ICEL, "Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II"

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC 201

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 our faith.

Memorial Acclamation

GC 230

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:

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 and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: *I Myself Am the Bread of Life*

GC 824

Refrain

I myself am the bread of life.
You and I are the bread of life,
taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ
that the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit,
gift of the Maker's love,
and we who share it know that we can be one:
a living sign of God in Christ.

2. Here is God's kingdom
given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
a living sign of God in Christ.

3. Lives broken open,
stories shared aloud,
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
a living sign of God in Christ.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Sing Hey for the Carpenter

GC 692

1. Come with me, come wander, come welcome the world
Where strangers might smile or where stones may be hurled;
Come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch
And find, with hands empty, that hearts can hold much.

Sing hey for the carpenter leaving his tools!
Sing hey for the Pharisees leaving their rules!
Sing hey for the fishermen leaving their nets!
Sing hey for the people who leave their regrets!

2. Come walk in my comp'ny, come sleep by my side,
Come savor a lifestyle with nothing to hide;
Come sit at my table and eat with my friends,
Discov'ring that love which the world never ends.
Sing hey...

3. Come share in my laughter, come close to my fears,

Come find yourself washed with the kiss of my tears;
Come stand close at hand while I suffer and die
And find in three days how I never will lie.
Sing hey...

- 4. Come leave your possessions, come share out your treasure.
Come give and receive without method or measure;
Come loose ev'ry bond that's resisting the Spirit,
Enabling the earth to be yours to inherit.
Sing hey...

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949, 1987, The Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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.

We are recruiting a few more people for the Liturgy Committee. The monthly meeting has been the second Monday lasting about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Prior knowledge of liturgy is helpful but not necessary. We would train and/or point you to materials that will help you. Other responsibilities may include certain liturgies have a liturgy committee present to assist as a behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

Pride 2024

Thank you to all who made Pride 2024 successful from our liturgy, witness and March! We enjoy your company and hope to see you soon.

For Pride and all year long, take a look at Sean Collins' webpage, [Legends of Pride](#)

The Gay Rights Bill digital exhibit has launched on the LaGuardia & Wagner Archives website. 25 people were interviewed for the project, which includes 100+ clips from the oral histories. The exhibit is divided into ten themes and oral histories discussing Dignity's role in the Bill are included in the "Religion" section.

https://www.laguardiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu/EdPrograms/LGBTQ_Exhibits.aspx?Exhibit=1986-Gay-Rights-Bill

Our website is working now. If you see issues with the website, let Lewis know. If you or anyone you know who knows PHP and Drupal, please give Lewis a call or send an email using dignitynewyork@gmail.com. We are looking to convert our website to Wordpress or similar platform. If anyone has experience with Wordpress, please let Lewis know.

Annual DignityNY Pride Appeal was emailed to all mid June and mailed to members. If you did not receive a copy, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com and we will send you the appeal. thank you in advance for your generosity.

Steering Committee members: Chapter Elections are coming up in September. Renew or join DignityUSA with New York chapter as the local group in order to vote. Consider running for the Steering Committee if you have been a member of DignityUSA for the last 12 months or more. More information will be sent to members in mid-August.

11/2022 -10/2024: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, Lewis Speaks-Tanner

11/2023 - 10/2025: Robert Brande, James Osbourn, Jeff Stone

Dignity USA National Conference, July 4-6, 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 at Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio (suburb of Columbus). All rooms are suites, and 4 can stay in a room for the special rate of \$149.00/night, and free parking is provided. Full breakfast in the morning, and a manager's reception with drinks and snacks, are provided in the afternoon. Dignity USA has made



an effort to have the conference in a less expensive venue, that is within 8 hours driving distance of most members. There will be social activities planned as well as a keynote and break-out speakers. I can attest that attending the conference is fun and informative. The committee is planning speakers and sessions now.

Preregistration is valid through April 30, 2025. They give full refunds through April 15, 2025. After that, a \$50 service fee applies. Use this link to preregister: [DignityUSA \(neoncrm.com\)](https://dignityusa.neoncrm.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!

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](https://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, Eucharistic minister, 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. No meeting in August. 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.No meeting in August. 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)

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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