

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 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: Brendan Fay

HYMN: Come to Us

GC 743

1. Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.
Come to the word, and come to the meal.
Come without question or pressure or price:
Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.
2. Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger,
looking for change, or challenge, or light.
We are the people whose calling is care, bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.
3. Come to me, come to us, broken or building,
Come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship or rest, to share in our struggle, our call and our quest.

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952, 1986, North American Liturgy Resources. Published by OCP Publications.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

RESPONSORIAL: You Are Near

GC 604

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.

Yahweh, I know...

2. Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find you there.

Yahweh, I know...

3. You know my heart and its ways, you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun in my mother's womb.

Yahweh, I know...

4. Marvelous to me are your works; how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, you would still be there.

Yahweh, I know...

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

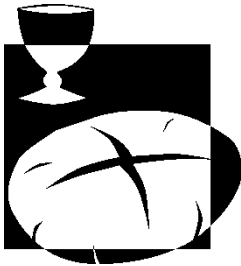
Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

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.

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 Am the Bread of Life

GC 828

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever.
5. Yes, Lord, we believe

that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
into the world.

1. Yo soy el Pan de Vida.
A mí vengan: no tendrán hambre.
En mí crean: no tendrán sed.
Nadie viene_a mí
si mi Padre no lo_atrae.

Estribillo

Yo los resucitaré,
Yo los resucitaré,
Yo los resucitaré en el día final.

2. El pan que yo daré
es mi carne, la vida del mundo.
Los que comen de_este pan
vivirán por siempre,
vivirán por siempre.
3. Si ustedes no comen
la carne del Hijo del Hombre,
y no beben de su sangre,
no beben de su sangre,
no podrán tener mi vida.
4. Yo soy la Resurrección,
Yo soy la Vida.
Si en mí ustedes creen,
aunque hayan muerto,
vivirán por siempre.
5. Sí, Señor, creemos
que tú_eres el Mesías,
el Hijo de Dios,
que has venido_al mundo
para redimirnos.

Text: John 6 and 11; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927; tr. by anon., rev. By Ronald F. Krisman,
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: They'll Know We Are Christians

GC 735

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians...
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians...
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians...

Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938, 1966, F.E.L. Publications, assigned to The Lorenz Corp., 1991

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.

DignityUSA Board Election Results

Congratulations to our three newly elected board members:
Cait Gardiner (they/them)
Susan Russell (she/her)
Tom Yates (he/him)

We also congratulate Jon Schum (he/him) on his reelection:)

Thank you to all our members who took time to vote and joined or watched our Candidates forum.

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.

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://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 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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