



***Lin In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3, 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:

HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

GC 646

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 16: You Will Show Me the Path of Life

GC 24

You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shelter;
In your presence is endless joy, at your side is my home forever.

1. Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune,
never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope.

You will show me...

2. From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety,
through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me.

You will show me...

3. So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely,
you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me.

You will show me...

Text: Psalm 16:1-2, 6-8, 9-10; Marty Haugen, 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-34 Nick Calamusa

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Nick Calamusa

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Christ, hear us.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: You Are Called to Tell the Story GC 680

1. You are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
Then to blend your voice with others
as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
filling all with songs of love.

2. You are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
Then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love.

3. You are called to set the table,
blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
Then to come with thirst and hunger,
needing care like all the rest,
Christ be known in all our sharing,
feeding all with signs of love.

4. May the One whose love is broader
than the measure of all space
Give us words to sing the story,
move among us in this place.

Christ be known in all our living,
filling all with gifts of love.

Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Adapted from Marianne Duddy-Burke's Prayer for Mary of Magdala liturgy, 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:

ALL: *Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy*

GC166

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 our faith.

Memorial Acclamation:

GC 167C

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:

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: Look Beyond

GC 843

Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior and your Lord.
Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as blood.

1. Give us a sign that we might believe in you. Moses had manna from the sky. Look beyond...
2. I am the bread which from the heavens came; Those who eat this bread will never die.

Look beyond...

3. The bread I give you will be my very flesh; My blood will truly be your drink.

Look beyond...

4. This man speaks harshly; who can listen to his word? We shall no longer follow him.

Look beyond...

5. You, my disciples, will you also leave? Lord to whom can we go?

Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior and your Lord.

Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as blood.

See his life poured out as blood.

Text: Darryl Ducote, b.1945, 1969, 1979, Damean Music. Distributed by GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: City of God

GC 678

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
the One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God...

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God...

4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice.
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Let us build the city of God...

Text: Dan Schutte, b.1947, 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

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.

DignityNY will honor those transgender and gender nonconforming individuals who who lost their lives for who they were as our liturgy for Transgender Day of Remembrance November 17, 2024

City, State, National Elections are on November 5th.

In NYS, there is a constitutional amendment proposal to add language to the New York Bill of Rights to provide that people cannot be denied rights based on their "ethnicity, national origin, age, and disability" or "sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy." Currently these rights are laws of the state and not found in the NYS Constitution.

- Online registration deadline: Saturday, October 26, 2024
- Register by mail deadline: Must be received by Saturday, October 26, 2024
- In person registration deadline: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Early voting starts on Saturday, October 26 - November 3, 2024

To review a ballot before going to the polls, go [vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov) or [bluevoterguide.org](https://www.bluevoterguide.org)

Liturgy Committee meets on 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

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 as as a behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

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: 69737

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

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc . using Zelle. You can send to the email address treasurer@dignityny.org. Suggestion:to ensure that you set everything accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00. In Notes,

write your name and any details that are important to your donation. [or donate using the QR code below.](#)

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Theatre Outing

Michael LaCarrubba and Richard Ferrara are organizing a theater outing to Communion, a play by Matthew LaBanca at the Cell Theater on West 23 St. Sunday, November 17, 2024, 3:00 pm curtain. See them for details.

Thanksgiving on the Streets in memory of founder Mary Lanning

Greetings! We are so stoked to share Thanksgiving with you in just a few weeks. **So far, we have confirmed drivers, main meal components and dessert prep.** That's huge! There are still plenty of things to do, and we could use your help in these areas, please consider if you are able to:

- volunteer on the street: meet new people, share time with a stranger (or 100), enjoy a T-day sandwich with us!
- Make hygiene bags: we need 500 bags with travel items, including deodorant, toothbrush/paste, soap, hand sanitizer, wipes, comb, bandaids, menstrual pads, etc
- Homemade baked goods: 500 individually wrapped or bagged in pocket sized ziplocks (brownies are spoken for, cookies are needed!)
- Gift cards: 500 pharmacy or coffee cards in any denomination, this gives our guests choice and access to personal items or a hot drink after the meal
- Handmade cards and greetings to add take away bags, 500+
- Bottled water and juices - bring a case to share!

Is there an artist among us? **We would love to have someone who has an eye for weather-resistant decorations, to put together some seasonal decor and posters for use on the tables and fencing behind our corner. Any takers? Be creative! Poster board with "Streetcorner Gourmets", messages of hope, kindness, welcome and togetherness would be most welcome!**

Donations are tax deductible, spread the word! Donations can be sent to: Composition Family Services, Inc, 6 Albright Place, Delmar, NY 12054. On the memo line please put Thanksgiving on the street.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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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And by the way, if you like to plan early, you can now book reservations at the conference hotel! Our special conference rate of \$149/night (plus taxes) for up to four people in a suite is available July 1 – 9, and changes can be made until late June 2025.

Book Now

Look for updates on speakers, pre- and post-conference events, caucus gatherings, and more throughout the Fall. Conference registration will open early in 2025.

We hope you will be part of this exciting community gathering in Dublin, Ohio, July 4-6, 2025, at the Embassy Suites. If you pre-register with a payment of \$100 before the end of November, you will get a discount off the early registration rate!

DignityUSA Conference Committee

