

# In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom Liturgy for All Soul's Day. November 2, 2025

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.

You can always find the Zoom link for our liturgy on our website at www.dignityny.org. In the liturgy booklet, the link appears near the end of the announcements and just before the Eucharistic Prayers.

When you join us on Zoom, you will first enter a waiting room. We encourage you to come a few minutes early so that you are ready as liturgy begins. For everyone's safety, please be sure that your name is clearly entered so our hosts can recognize you and welcome you into the gathering.

As you arrive, we invite you to share your name, the pronouns you use, and where you are joining from in the chat. In this simple way, we make visible the many places and people who together form the Body of Christ.

If you would like, you may print or save the liturgy booklet to use again in future weeks. Each Eucharistic Prayer is marked at the top of its page (Community, #2, 7, 8, 9, or 10), and the page that follows will let you know which prayer we are using for that week's liturgy.

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Dignity/New York gathers as a faith community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Straight Catholics, along with our friends and companions on the journey. We celebrate the goodness of every person and welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. All are invited to share fully in our liturgies, and all are welcome to the table of Christ to receive the Body and Blood at Communion. At this time, our community is led by lay presiders whom we have called forth to guide us in prayer.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we are mindful in the language we use. For example, when we pray the Greatest Prayer—what many may know as the Lord's Prayer—we use the words "All-loving God" rather than "Our Father." Many times, the hymnals or printed materials may still contain outdated language, and we encourage you to use inclusive words that reflect your faith and dignity.

In the same spirit of inclusivity, our community has also chosen to continue using the language of the Mass as it was prayed before the 2011 revision of the Roman Missal.

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Presider: Leanne Finamore First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Gospel: John 17:24-26

**Eucharistic Prayer: #8** 

#### **ORDER OF LITURGY**

WELCOME:

## GATHERING SONG & PROCESSION: For All the Saints, vs. 1-4

GC 793

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who by faith before the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might; You, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; You in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3. O may your soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!
- O blest communion, family divine!
   We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
   Yet all are one within your great design.
   Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

**GREETING:** 

PENITENTIAL RITE:

**OPENING PRAYER:** 

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

GC 31

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

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

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.

#### **READING:**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia GC 198

#### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:** R/: Christ, hear us.

## PREPARATION SONG: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God GC 800

- O breathe on me, O breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love the things you love, And do what you would do.
- O breathe on me, O breath of God, Until my heart is pure; Until my will is one with yours, To do and to endure.
- O breathe on me, O breath of God, My will to yours incline, Until this selfish part of me Glows with your fire divine.
- 4. O breathe on me, O breath of God,

So shall I never die, But live with you the perfect life Of your eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889

#### PREPARATION PRAYER:

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:** (Can be found at the end of the worship aid. Eucharistic Prayer number is at the top of the worship aid before the Opening Song).

ALL: Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy GC 166

Memorial Acclamation: GC 167B

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen GC 168

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: Behold the Lamb GC 823

- 1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
  We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.
  Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
  and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!
- 2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share. Behold, behold the Lamb...
- 3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.

  Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.

  Behold, behold the Lamb...
- Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
   Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.
   Behold, behold the Lamb...

Text: Martin Willett, 1984, OCP Publications

#### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL:**

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

We are the light of the world; may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God

We are the light of the world...

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God

We are the light of the world...

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, They will be satisfied Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God

We are the light of the world...

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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# **Announcements and Acknowledgements**

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.

Celebrate the 150th birthday of the legendary composer, Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), at Saint John's in the Village (NYC). Saturday Nov 1 at 6pm. Program is Ma mére l'oye, Gaspard de la nuit, Jeux d'eau, with Pianists Nelson Ojeda Valdés and Christopher Bradshaw, violinist Kelsey Philbrick, and cellist David Newtown. Tickets: \$25 Pre-Purchase discount on <a href="Eventbrite">Eventbrite</a>, \$30 at the door (cash, venmo, or zelle).

Prayers of the Community | Petitions | Prayers of the Faithful

On November 13, 2025, our list of the sick, used during the prayers of the community, will be renewed. Any names that you would like to maintain on the prayers for the sick list will need to be readded. If there is someone you would like to add, please email Lewis at <a href="mailto:prayers@dignityny.org">prayers@dignityny.org</a>. Moving forward, all names will expire after two months. Please re-add people as necessary.

In the same spirit, during the prayer of the faithful, we encourage everyone to try to limit their individually spoken petitions to one per week.

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**Thanksgiving on the Streets** Calling all volunteers! We would love for you to share Mary's story, and our flier, with your friends, family and communities as we prepare for Thanksgiving 2025. Our street-side meal is truly an effort of collective love, and without your help it wouldn't be possible. If you have time to share with us on Thanksgiving, and haven't already been in touch, please reach out! [Questions, ask Tom Moulton

Donations can be made using the link above (and are encouraged!). THANK YOU. Jessica Dillon founder

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You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc. through Zelle. Use Dignity New York Inc with <a href="mailto:treasurer@dignityny.org">treasurer@dignityny.org</a> as the correct to send donations. Include your name and reasons for the donation in the email line. Suggestion: to ensure that you set everything up accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00



# **DignityUSA Conference 2027 Preregistration Now Open**

DignityUSA's Board is delighted to announce that we have signed a contract with the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, Ohio to hold our next national conference July 2-4, 2027! We heard from so many of you about the positive impact our 2025 conference has had, and appreciate your eagerness to gather in person again as soon as possible.

We are opening preregistration for the conference immediately! By preregistering with a \$100 deposit, you will receive a discount on the early registration rate when registration opens early in 2027: <a href="Preregister">Preregister</a> Now

Your deposit will be totally refundable through April 15, 2027.

We know that some of you will have questions about the location, the dates, and plans for future conferences. If you're among them, please check out our **Q&A regarding future DignityUSA conferences here:** Read More

In addition, we need lots of help to make our conferences a reality. If you have time and talent to offer, please review **Ways You Can Get Involved**: Way to Get Involved

Please contact conference2027@dignityusa.org to let us know where you think you can lend a hand, and the best way to reach you.

Thank you for your feedback during and since our most recent conference. We look forward to another great event, and to your involvement in making it incredible!

#### DignityUSA Participation in the Jubilee of Synod Participants Chat

Join us on November 3 at 8pm ET/5pm PT to hear from Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke and DignityUSA Board Secretary Sam Albano as they discuss their open representation of DignityUSA at this official Vatican event and continued Synod conversation. Registration is required! Register Now

#### **Register Now for Advent Reflections**

Join us for our Advent Reflection series on December 3, 10 and 17 at 8pm ET/5pm PT. This event provides space for reflection, solidarity and spiritual renewal. Come hear reflections emphasizing the inclusive, transformative potential of the Advent season for those on the margins. Registration required. We hope to see you there! Register Now

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#### **Membership Meeting on December 13**

Join us on December 13 at 2pm ET/11am PT for our annual membership meeting. Learn more about the current mission and goals of DignityUSA. There will be a Q&A as well, so don't miss this opportunity. Registration is required. Register Now

There are other articles in this week's DignityUSA Dateline. If you do not receive in your email, signup on DignityUSA website.

DignityUSA Re-affirms Support for Nonbinary and Transgender People

Within an hour of taking the Oath of Office of President on January 20, President Trump announced he would be signing an executive order making it national policy to recognize only two genders. He fulfilled this promise later the same day. The executive order is sweeping, directing federal agencies to return "biological truth to the federal government," and barring access to facilities like domestic violence shelters, migrant housing, and prisons based on gender identity. It will remove the "X" option for gender on passports and other federal documents.

DignityUSA states, "It is clear that the Administration is using widespread misunderstanding of and disinformation about transgender and nonbinary people to foster division and fear. This is potentially very harmful to many already vulnerable individuals and communities. DignityUSA stands firmly with people of all genders, gender identities, and gender expressions. We welcome you in our worshipping communities, we pledge our support, and we denounce all efforts to deny your realities. We believe that nonbinary and transgender people reflect the amazing, expansive, and humbling creativity of a God of boundless love. We urge all people of goodwill to stand against every attempt to restrict the human rights of gender-diverse people."

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to <u>DignityUSA.org</u> 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** welcomes new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John's one hour before liturgy.

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**Liturgy Committee** normally meets on 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 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 as the behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

**The Steering Committee** normally meets each month on the second Tuesday <u>via Zoom.</u> **Anyone is invited to participate or observe,** Steering Committee members (consists of 7 people: those who's term ends October 31, 2026: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Lewis Speaks-Tanner. And those who's term ended October 31, 2027:Robert Brande, Nick Cimato, James Osbourn and Jeff Stone. **Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226; Passcode: 697371** 

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**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 <a href="mailto:ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org">ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org</a>

DefendersUSA Leather & Kink caucus, meets the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:30 pm ET. Talk to Lewis Speaks-Tanner 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

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 https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate the link below:

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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**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...

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/i/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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# The Eucharistic Prayer - Community

(Based on Eucharistic Prayer II)\
(Preface below is for OrdinaryTime; otherwise it varies)

Presider All-loving God, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give You thanks through Your beloved son Jesus Christ.

Christ is the Word through whom You made the universe, the Savior You sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake Christ opened his arms on the cross; put an end to death and revealed to us the resurrection. In doing so, Christ fulfilled Your will and has won for You a holy people.

And so, with one voice we proclaim your glory as we sing:

Preface Acclamation: Holy, holy, holy...

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 (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

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

Adapted by Fr. Joseph McOscar, from ICEL, An Original Eucharistic Prayer Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

**Presider:** Blessed are you Strong and Faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning, your word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your own image humankind, the crown of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we chant the ageless hymn of your glory.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy...

**Presider:** All Holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world.

**ALL:** As a loving parent tenderly gathers their children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last forever and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

**Presider:** God most gracious, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us,

**ALL:** And over our earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved.

He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation: He broke the bread among his disciples 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 disciples 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. t 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.

ALL: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

**Presider:** God most Holy, we commemorate Jesus, Your Beloved One, as we offer this sacrifice.

**ALL:** Death could not bind Him up, for You raised him up in the Spirit of Holiness and exalted him as the Source of all creation. May the coming again of Christ in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

**Presider:** Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise, together with our Pope, our bishops, our Dignity leaders and all those who minister among your people, and those whose gifts and vocations are not yet recognized by your Church on earth.

**ALL:** We pray for ourselves here present and for all whose lives bring hope to this world. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, especially those we remember in our hearts.

**Presider:** We pray for those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, and with all your Saints.

**ALL:** Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God most holy) for ever and ever. Amen.

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: Holy, holy, holy...

**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.t 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.

**ALL:** Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

**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.

**ALL:** (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.

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Adapted from ICEL, "Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II" Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

**Presider:** Compassionate One, all-powerful and ever-living God, we praise and thank you through Christ Jesus for your presence and action in the world. You are a God of love and mercy, always ready to forgive. We constantly fall short of your vision for us--we stumble, we falter, we hurt one another--and you invite us again to trust in your mercy.

**ALL:** In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace. The Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, aand nations seek the way of peace together. The Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For this we never cease to thank and praise you.

**Presider:** Now, with all the choirs of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of your praise:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy...

**Presider:** God of power and tenderness, we praise you through 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.

**ALL:** 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.

**Presider:** We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

**ALL:** On the evening before his suffering and death, Jesus took bread into his hands, he blessed you, and broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples with the words:

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. (PAUSE)

Presider: After supper,

**ALL:** 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:** Eternal God, your only begotten 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. And so together, we proclaim our Easter faith:

ALL: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

**Presider:** Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit bless our Dignity community, and bring us to that day when we will share this table with N., the bishop of Rome. Keep us in communion with all who serve and lead your people. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

**ALL:** You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints. We pray for our departed family and friends whom we commend to your mercy. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language, and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Savior.

**ALL:** (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God Most Holy, forever and ever. Amen.

**Presider:** We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

**ALL:** From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for their children, you would not forget us.

**Presider:** Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with the saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy...

**ALL:** Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

**Presider:** Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

**ALL:** Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to 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:** As supper was ending,

**ALL:** Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to You, gave it to 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)

ALL: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

**Presider:** Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to You our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. May the Spirit take away all that divides us.

**ALL:** 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.

**ALL:** (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

**Presider:** Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, Holy Spirit, who enlivens and inebriates all that exists, we beseech your healing power upon us and upon all we pray for today.

**ALL**: Down through the ages, you rescue us from darkness. You light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our lost fortunes and you revive our dwindling hope.

**Presider:** For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to sing our hymn of praise:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy... (varies usually by liturgical season)

**Presider:** Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind, and spirit, we bring before you the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of your people.

We seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

We ask you to awaken anew in our hearts the empowering grace of your abundant Spirit, who infuses these gifts of bread and wine with the transforming energy of life, to nourish and sustain us in our time of need.

That same bread, Jesus took and broke, to restore the unity of our broken world.

**ALL:** Jesus blessed you, God of healing and hope, then, along with the cup, Jesus shared the bread with those at table saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body which will be given up for you. (Pause)

**Presider:** Then offering the cup of libation, poured out for the liberation of all,

**ALL:** Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup in a spirit of mutual solidarity saying:

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:** In faith and hope we are sustained, In grace our dignity reclaimed, In praise we thank our God.

ALL: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

**Presider:** As we gather around this Eucharistic table, we recall God's blessing and love from ages past, and we celebrate anew the gift of life which we share among us at this Eucharistic feast.

May the Spirit of life and wholeness, who transforms the gifts we present, transform us, too, that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.

**ALL:** The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. But that life we often impede by our greed and selfishness, and by our exploitation of other people.

So grant, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, whose abundance is offered to each and to all, until God's reign arrives in the fullness of time.

**Presider:** This prayer we make in the name of our healing and nurturing God, through, with and in whom we offer these gifts, sources of life, love and goodness, now and forever.

**ALL:** (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.