



**In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Liturgy for Ascension Sunday, May 17, 2026**

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.

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 Many times, the hymnals or printed materials may still contain outdated language, and we encourage you to use inclusive words that reflect your faith and dignity.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.

Presider: Lewis Speaks-Tanner
First Reading: Acts 1:12-14
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Eucharistic Prayer: # 10

ORDER OF LITURGY

WELCOME:

GATHERING SONG: The Summons, vs. 1-3

GC 700

1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 7 7 7 6; Scottish melody; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

This Is the Feast

Verse 3

GC 429

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

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

This is the feast...

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast...

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

This is the feast...

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast...

5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast...

Text: Based on Revelation 5, 1978, Lutheran Book of Worship

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne

GC 53

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O sing your praises to the Lord!

1. All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God in gladness,
the Lord we must fear, king of all the earth.

God mounts his throne...

2. God goes up to shouts of joy, sound the trumpet blast.
Sing praise to our God, praise unto our king!

God mounts his throne...

3. God is king of all the earth, sing with all your skill to the king of all nations,
God enthroned on high!

God mounts his throne...

Text: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Martyr Haugen, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

R/: Risen Savior, hear us.

PREPARATION SONG: 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: *(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: Sanctus **GC 228**

Memorial Acclamation: **GC 230**

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 232**

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.

BLESSING:

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: Sing Out, Earth and Skies, vs. 1-3

GC 499

1. Cantor: Come, O God of all the earth:
All: Come to us, O Righteous One;
Cantor: Come, and bring our love to birth:
All: In the glory of your Son.

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

2. Cantor: Come, O God of wind and flame:
All: Fill the earth with righteousness;
Cantor: Teach us all to sing your name:
All: May our lives your love confess.

Sing out...

3. Cantor: Come, O God of flashing light:
All: Twinkling star and burning sun;
Cantor: God of day and God of night:
All: In your light we all are one.

Sing out...

- 4. Cantor: Come, O God of snow and rain:
All: Shower down upon the earth;
Cantor: Come, O God of joy and pain:
All: God of sorrow, God of mirth.

Sing out...

- 5. Cantor: Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:
All: Come and shape our hearts anew;
Cantor: Come and make oppression cease:
All: Bring us all to life in you.

Sing out...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are available at church or online as PDF. Please return to church via mailing to P.O. Box 1554, FDR Station, New York, NY 10015o, emailing it to dignitynewyork@gmail.com , or drop at church on or before May 10th.

AIDS WALK NY is May 17th at Central Park. Please Join the DignityNY team to make a donation to the team.

From Fr. Graeme and the St John in the Village Community:

After eight wonderful years here in Manhattan I am returning to Australia. (More information about the particular role in the Anglican Church of Australia when we are ready to announce at the Australian end.)

My last liturgy, with a farewell party in our lovely garden, will be on Wednesday 3 June: 6.30pm Eucharist for the Eve of Corpus Christi, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and Cook-Out.

New Yorker friends, I'd love it if you could come. Even if you are not religious you will enjoy the beautiful music (some of it commissioned by St John's during my incumbency) and, of course, plentiful time in the garden with food and drink.

Clergy friends - I've love you to robe and process. Email me if you would like to.

Everyone who can come and stay for the Cook-Out please help us get the catering right by registering [here](#)

Celebrate Pride with DignityNY

Pride is right around the corner, and we're gearing up for a powerful, joy-filled celebration—we can't do it without you!

Queens Pride Parade

We're looking for folks to march with us in the Queens Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7, 2026, in Jackson Heights. Come show your colors, your spirit, and your solidarity as we witness together in the streets. For more details, see Lewis or email dignitynewyork@gmail.com.

Pride Weekend: Pride Liturgy

Our Pride Liturgy will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 27 (note this "new" time, which began last year). We need additional readers, as well as a few people to help set up and clean up the light meal afterward. For the liturgy, please contact Lewis; for the meal, please contact Robert Brande. You can also email dignitynewyork@gmail.com and indicate whether you're volunteering as a reader or for hospitality.

Pride Weekend: Witness at St. Patrick's

On Pride Sunday, we will stand in witness at St. Patrick's Cathedral, joining others in prayerful, joyful presence. Your visible support matters—please consider being part of this public witness. For more details, see Lewis or email dignitynewyork@gmail.com.

Pride Weekend: Marshals for Pride March

For the Pride March on Sunday, June 28, we especially need a couple of marshals. Marshals help keep things organized and flowing by distributing wristbands and guiding people into the waiting area. If you're calm, reliable, and happy to give directions, this role is for you. For marshal roles, please contact Nick Cimato; people can email dignitynewyork@gmail.com and indicate that they're interested in serving as a marshal.

There is a video link for Policing, Pews, and Firehouse Politics Event which was held on Thursday March 26th, 2026, 6:00 pm to mark the 40th anniversary of the NYC Gay Rights Bill at a lively discussion of gay rights both past and present.



Prayers of the Community | Petitions | Prayers of the Faithful

On May 17, 2026, 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 re-added. If there is someone ydsld like to add, please email Lewis at prayers@dignityny.org. Moving forward , all names will expire after two months. Please re-add people as necessary. The next refresh date will be August 16, 2026. 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.

History Book project to celebrate our 55th anniversary in 2027. A group compiled a book for our 25th anniversary. We have the archival history in a storage bin and before we give the Center our archives, it would be great to have years 26 through 55 recorded by combing through paper files. Certainly, media has changed so it might take different forms. If you are interested in either project, see a Steering Committee member.

The AJ & Friends 'One Love' concert will now be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 Time: 7:30pm Tickets: \$40 Location: Saint John's in the Village; 218 W 11th Street; New York, NY 10014

All previously purchased tickets will be honored for the new date. Thank you for your continued support!

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc. through Zelle. Use Dignity New York Inc with treasurer@dignityny.org 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

Synod Study Group on LGBTQ+ and other Emerging Issues releases its Final Report; DignityUSA Responds

The Synod Study group (Study Group 9) charged with addressing "Emerging Issues," including LGBTQ+ concerns, released its final report on May 5, 2026. The full text of the report can be found at [SG-9_Final-Report.pdf](#). As expected, the report proposes methods for ongoing discernment on these issues, without recommending specific doctrinal or pastoral practice changes. It does include reflections on the testimonies of two of the hundreds of submissions from LGBTQ+ people and family members, and mentions conversion therapy as harmful.

DignityUSA issued our response to this document the afternoon of May 5. It is notable that much of what is called for in terms of listening to the testimony of LGBTQ+ people is consistent with the work DignityUSA, our members, and communities have been doing since 1969. [Read our Statement](#)

Religion News Service also included information from an interview with Marianne Duddy-Burke in their story on this document. This syndicated article appears in media worldwide. [Read the RNS Story](#)

DignityUSA has been an active participant in the global Catholic Synod effort since 2021, holding listening sessions to gather input from our members and friends, submitting reports to the Vatican's Synod office and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, having a presence in Rome during all Synod gatherings, meeting with and writing to Synod delegates, and participating in person in the Jubilee of Synod Representatives and Participating Organizations. Throughout the process, we have been committed to faithfully uplifting the voices, hopes, challenges, and experiences of our members. We will continue to do this during the Implementation Phase of the Synod, which lasts through 2028. A current priority is pressing for representation of openly LGBTQIA+ people and family members during a meeting of the global church planned for Fall 2028. If you have questions or input, please contact execdir@dignityusa.org.

DignityUSA Candidates Forum

DignityUSA's 2026 Board of Directors election is an important opportunity to help shape the future of our movement for LGBTQIA+ justice, inclusion and faith-filled community. We invite you to join us for the upcoming Candidates Forum on May 16 at 2pm ET/11am PT to hear directly from this year's board candidates about their experiences, priorities and vision for DignityUSA.

The forum is a great chance to learn more about the candidates, ask questions and prepare to participate in the election process.

You can read the candidate statements through the link below. [About the Candidates](#)

We encourage all eligible members to attend and take part in this important conversation about DignityUSA's future leadership. [Register Now](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to building a more inclusive Church and community.

In hope and solidarity,

DignityUSA Elections Committee

Max Kuzma's Trans Catholic Story on Whiplash Podcast

DignityUSA board member, Max Kuzma, shares more of his journey as a trans Catholic.

From Max: Longtime listeners of Whiplash and readers of my work will likely recognize much of what I share in this episode. I've written and spoken about pieces of my story over the years, across essays, podcasts, and conversations. But I wanted to create a single episode that brings those threads together in one place, especially for those who may be newer to my work or hearing my story for the first time.

Today's episode is exactly that: a more consolidated, reflective look at my journey of transgender experience. I move through some of the most common questions I receive and challenge all of us to think more deeply about the body, faith, and what it means to come into alignment with yourself in a world that doesn't always give you the language to do so. [Listen Now](#)

Interested in joining us for upcoming Transgender Caucus meetings and events? Subscribe to the Transgender Caucus mailing list today! [Subscribe Now](#)

Join DignityUSA and Dr. Lucas Wilson (editor of *Shame-Sex Attraction: Survivors' Stories of Conversion Therapy*) on May 20 at 8pm ET/5pm PT for *Conversion Therapy: Understanding and Confronting Harm*. Conversion practices—commonly referred to as conversion therapy—constitute the damaging efforts to change queer individuals' sexual orientations and/or gender identities and expressions. Despite the common misapprehension—in North America, at least—that conversion practices are a thing of the past, such anti-LGBTQ+ efforts persist and continue to wreak havoc on countless queer and trans individuals, particularly those in high-control religious contexts. As a survivor of conversion therapy himself, Wilson will present a broadened definition of conversion practices before discussing the prevalence of conversion practices in North America. Wilson will flesh out the ways by which conversion practitioners seek the eradication of LGBTQ+ communities in North America and beyond. [Register Now](#)

Get a 20% Discount on Shame-Sex Attraction

DignityUSA members can use the code **WILSON20** for a 20% discount on Lucas Wilson's book, *Shame-Sex Attraction*. Order yours today to get your book in time for the discussion. [Order Now](#)

About Dr. Lucas Wilson

Dr. Lucas Wilson is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Toronto Mississauga and was formerly the Justice, Equity, and Transformation Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Calgary. A current Humanist Thought Fellow through the American Humanist Association, Lucas is the editor of *Shame-Sex Attraction: Survivors' Stories of Conversion Therapy* (Jessica Kingsley Publishers). He is also the author of *At Home with the Holocaust: Postmemory, Domestic Space, and Second-Generation Holocaust Literature* (Rutgers University Press), which received the Jordan Schnitzer First Book Publication Award. His public-facing writing has appeared in *The Advocate*, *Queerty*, *LGBTQ Nation*, and *Religion Dispatches*, among other venues. He is currently working on two new anthologies: *Don't Ask, Tell All: Stories of Christian Colleges' Anti-Queer Regimes* (under contract with The University of Georgia Press) and *Queer and Trembling: Stories of LGBTQ+ Religious Trauma* (under contract with Jessica Kingsley Publishers).

[Register Now](#)

Introduction to Trans Theology with Dr. Nicolete Burbach

Discover the growing field of trans theology, from early developments out of feminist theology to cutting-edge work today with Dr. Nicolete Burbach at the London Jesuit Centre. This online course begins on June 8 and takes place weekly from 6:30pm - 7:30pm UK time.

Course description: *Beginning with the origins of the field as it developed out of feminist theology in the early 2000s, we will see how this field has grown to engage a range of questions drawing from insights in queer theory, queer theology and trans studies.* [Register Now](#)

LGBTQ+ Meditation Retreat with Leah Raidt in Bardstown, KY

About the retreat: In this weekend retreat, trauma-informed meditation trainer, Leah Raidt (they/she), introduces meditation techniques and somatic practices with guidance on how to build a sustainable and integrated daily meditation/spiritual practice. This retreat is for LGBTQ+ people and those that love us. Open to all genders and faith traditions (including no faith tradition). No prior meditation experience required.

[Learn More & Register Here](#) If finances are a barrier, apply for aid [here](#). [Register Now](#)

Shirts for Pride 2026 by Libby Kercher

We have three special designs available for Pride 2026, including our "stained-glass" t-shirt, chosen as the official Pride shirt at last year's conference. All three 2026 shirts were designed by Libby Kercher. ([You can follow her on Instagram at @kibbyer for her latest work.](#))

Each of these shirts comes in a variety of colors and sizes. Take a look at our Bonfire store and order your Pride shirt today! [Shop Now](#)

Are You Planning to Attend the 2026 Outreach Conference in D.C.?

Are you planning to attend the Outreach conference, June 19-21, at Georgetown University? Let us know so we can be in touch!

Perhaps we can schedule a time for Dignity folks to have a meal together during the conference. If you're willing to help spread the word about Dignity, we can supply you with a goodie bag of materials.

When the schedule comes out, be sure to look for DignityUSA President Meli Barber's panel!

Click below to subscribe to our Outreach 2026 mailing list to receive updates. [Subscribe Now](#)

.Call for Writers: Breath of the Spirit Reflections

Breath of the Spirit enriches readers through weekly reflections that nurture the integration of faith, sexuality, and gender identity—fostering connections between lived experiences and the richness of Catholic spirituality.

Once a quarter, writers submit a column on the lectionary readings for a given Sunday. Reflections are usually between 700–1000 words, and address the lectionary readings from the author's perspective, as well as that of our readership—the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. We aim for these to be high-quality and scripturally-based spiritual nourishment for our readers. You can take a peek at some past reflections [here](#).

Please use the form below to express interest in this opportunity. [Go to Form](#)

In the News

[Pope Leo signals shift away from Catholic Church's focus on sex](#) - Reuters (subscription required)

[Catholic LGBTQ+ Leaders Respond to Trump's Attacks on Pope Leo](#) - New Ways Ministry

DignityUSA Conference 2027 Preregistration

DignityUSA's Board has 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.

Conference preregistration is open! By preregistering with a \$100 deposit, you will receive a discount on the early registration rate when registration opens early in 2027:

Preregister Now

Your deposit will be 100% refundable through April 15, 2027.

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

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

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.

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 via Zoom. **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**

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 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

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>

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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..

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.

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* 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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The Eucharistic Prayer - Community

(Based on Eucharistic Prayer II)

(Preface below is for Ordinary Time; 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.

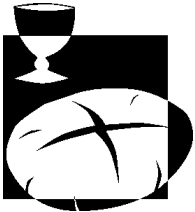
And so, with one voice we proclaim your glory as we sing:

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

Eucharistic Prayer #2

*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. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer #7

*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. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." **(PAUSE)**

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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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Eucharistic Prayer #8

*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, and 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.

Eucharistic Prayer #9

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.

Eucharistic Prayer #10

*“Healing,” by Fr. Diarmuid O’Murchu, used with his permission.
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.