



Annual Pride Liturgy

**In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Using the Readings from the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 27, 2026**

Everyone is welcome to join us in person at St. John's or on Zoom
03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 2:30 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 Many times, the hymnals or printed materials may still contain outdated language, and we encourage you to use inclusive words that reflect your faith and dignity.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: Leanne & Danny
Homilist: Sam Albano
First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33
Eucharistic Prayer: #10

ORDER OF LITURGY

WELCOME:

PRIDE PROCLAMATION AND GATHERING SONG:

(Please sing response after each proclamation)

Response: 1. We are a gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

Response: 2. We are a justice-seeking people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

Response: 3. We are young and old together, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

Response: 4. We are a land of many colors, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

Response: 5. We are gay and straight together, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

Response: 6. We are a gentle, loving people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 66: Let All the Earth

GC 65

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord; Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord!

1. Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth,
sing to the praise of God's name, proclaiming forever,
'tremendous your deeds for us.'

Let all the earth cry out...

2. Leading your people safe through fire and water,
bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory,
your love is eternal.

Let all the earth cry out...

3. Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord,
who answers the prayer of my heart.
God leads me in safety, from death unto life.

Let all the earth cry out...

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

GC198

GOSPEL:

Sam Albano

HOMILY/REFLECTION:

Sam Albano

Sam Albano (he/him) is the national secretary of DignityUSA and a member of Dignity's Indianapolis chapter. Since 2021, Sam has led DignityUSA's synod engagement project and traveled to Rome to represent LGBTQIA+ Catholics at the Vatican. He is an educator and the author of *God's Works Revealed: Spirituality, Theology, and Social Justice for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Catholics* (Paulist Press, 2022). Sam lives in Carmel, Indiana, with his husband.

PRAYERS OF COMMUNITY:

R/: Guide us, O God.

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:

*"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: Sanctus

GC 201

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is one who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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

GC 203

When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come, until you come in glory!

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.

GREAT AMEN: Amen

GC 168

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 207

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Bread of Life, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: Pan de Vida

GC 848

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.

At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

1. We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God. Pan de Vida...
2. Ustedes me llaman 'Señor,' me inclino a lavarles los pies:
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros. Pan de Vida...
3. There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free:
there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God. Pan de Vida...

Text: John 13:1-15, Galatians 3:28-29; Bob Hurd, b.1950, and Pia Moriarty, © 1988, Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty. Published by OCP Publications.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

BLESSING FOR ATTENDING THE WITNESS AND PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: 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 our God, 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.
Tour God of all kindness has called us to be
a light for the people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God...

- 3. God is light; in God there is no darkness.
Let us walk in the light, God’s 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...

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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.

Our annual Pride Appeal was sent out via email on Sunday, June 14th. As our primary source of funding for much of the year, the Pride Appeal helps support our liturgies, ministries, outreach, and the many programs that sustain our community.

We ask you to be as generous as you are able. Every contribution makes a difference and helps ensure that Dignity/New York can continue its mission throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

Blessed Pride! As Pride month is marked in many parts of our country throughout June, we are focusing on Pride as Witness. We are very aware that visibility is difficult and even dangerous for some in our community. Those of us who can be out and proud, in our daily lives and during Pride celebrations, bear witness to our

conviction that our identities, our relationships, and our lives are sacred and reveal aspects of Divine Love that God intentionally breathed into being. We bring this belief into our marching, our tabling, and our liturgical celebrations as we reclaim Pride as redemptive. Let us use these days to witness to our wholeness and holiness, as well as to recommit to our mission of achieving justice, equality, and full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in our church and society.

We also invite you to check out our Pride Blessings from [2021](#) or [2022](#), [In Our Own Words: 50 Years of DignityUSA](#), or one of the many other inspirational recordings on [DignityUSA's YouTube channel](#) for Pride Month Inspiration. Even better, join one of our Chapters celebrating a Pride liturgy, either in person or via livestream! Find information on Chapter liturgies by visiting our [Chapters page](#). We wish you all a safe and re-energizing Pride month.

Celebrate Pride with DignityNY

Pride its here and we're gearing up for a powerful, joy-filled celebration—we can't do it without you!

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). Our Pride homilist will be Sam Albano, DignityUSA Secretary and hails from Indiana. 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. We will distribute Pride t-shirts after the liturgy to those participating in the witness and march.

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. We plan to do our witness at 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM. For more details, see Lewis or text him (917) 836-5014. If you tell Lewis you are going and give your cell number, he will text if anything changes.

Pride Weekend: Pride March

For the Pride March on Sunday, June 28, we gather at the North West corner of West 28th and 6th Avenue between 3:45 PM and 4 PM. ***If you arrive later, you will need to text Tom McLoughlin*** (347) 860-2879, do ***not*** call - no one will hear it ring; he will get someone who has been wrist-banded to bring you a wristband.

Prayers of the Community | Petitions | Prayers of the Faithful

On August 16, 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 you would 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 November 15, 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.

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



Outreach 2026 Conference Report

DignityUSA was thrilled to participate in the Outreach 2026 conference taking place on the campus of Georgetown University from Jun 19 – 21. DignityUSA Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke, Board President Meli Barber and Director of Operations Darby DeJarnette attended and were supported by three DignityUSA ambassadors and joined by members of Dignity Washington.

Friday's welcome mass—celebrated by Fr. James Martin—provided a chance to connect with others and prepare for the weekend.

At dinner, we were able to connect with members of the broader Dignity community, including Brian Frank of Dignity New York, among others. Incoming Georgetown President Eduardo M. Peñalver gave a moving speech to celebrate and acknowledge Juneteenth and welcomed LGBTQIA+ Catholics to the campus. Outreach Executive Director Conor Reidy also greeted conference goers.

On Saturday, our three DignityUSA ambassadors—including Breath of the Spirit writer Rachel Esser—were up bright and early with gift bags full of goodies designed by artist Libby Kercher. Our ambassadors were able to start many fruitful conversations, in addition to providing information about DignityUSA and inviting people to consider attending our upcoming conference in 2027.

In the afternoon, Board President Meli Barber was a speaker at the “LGBTQ Women in the Church Today” panel. She shared about her experiences working for a Catholic organization as she was coming out publicly and how DignityUSA provided a community for her when she encountered challenges bringing her faith and sexual orientation together. The session ended with a unique prayer—a sing-along to “Closer to Fine” by the Indigo Girls.

That evening, Cardinal Archbishop Robert McElroy of the Washington Archdiocese delivered a homily on the topic of mercy during the vigil mass.

On Sunday, Fr. James Keenan S.J. gave a keynote speech on the topic of vulnerability. The DignityUSA crew gave out the remaining handful of gift bags and parted ways.

DignityUSA thanks our wonderful volunteer ambassadors and looks forward to sending representatives to attend future Outreach conferences!

Special Request for Attendees of the 1989 Dignity Conference

A special request: Did you attend the 1989 Dignity conference in San Francisco? Did you save materials from that event? We are seeking a copy of the powerful **Liturgy of Lamentation** from that event for a series marking the 40th anniversary of the Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons. If you have it, please contact execdir@dignityusa.org.

Dignity Honolulu 50th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Dr., Honolulu, HI 96814—Carnation Room, 2nd Floor \$90 RSVP by July 15, 2026

DignityUSA 2027 Conference ‘Theme

DignityUSA’s Board of Directors has officially approved the theme for our 2027 Conference: ***Let us be light for the world / Seamos luz para el mundo.***

“At a time when there is so much darkness,” said DignityUSA President Meli Barber, “the inclusive, prophetic community that Dignity offers is greatly needed. We look forward to bringing together people whose joy and truth shine forth and helping to bring even more brightness to the world.”

Our conference will be July 2-4, 2027, at the Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin in Dublin, OH. We’ve worked hard to keep the gathering as affordable and accessible as possible, including securing the same hotel room rate from 2025: \$149/night, plus tax, for up to four people per room. The rate also includes a full breakfast and evening reception each day.

In celebration of Pride Month, preregistration is now open once again! A \$100 deposit reserves your spot and guarantees the lowest available registration rate. Full registration will open in early 2027, and pre-registration remains fully refundable through April 1, 2027.

Mark your calendars now and come help us bring even more light into the world together! [Preregister Now](#)

2026 DignityUSA Board Election News

Ballots for our 2026 election are now out! If you are a current member of DignityUSA and did not receive an electronic ballot, please contact operations@dignityusa.org

Here is this year's election timeline:

- Electronic and Paper Ballots Sent to Current DignityUSA Members: Monday, May 11

- Candidates Forum: Saturday, May 16 at 2:00pm ET/11:00am PT
- Final Date to Postmark and Return Mail-in Ballots: Monday, June 15
- All Voting Ends: Tuesday, June 30
- Results Sent to Secretary to be Forwarded for Board Certification: Wednesday, July 1

Want to learn more about our candidates? You can read their bios online! [Learn More](#)

The **Candidates Forum** is now streaming on YouTube. Click the link to watch. [Watch Now](#)

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

Join the DignityUSA Board during its meeting in Nashville RSVP by July 1st

Join the DignityUSA Board during its meeting in Nashville! Do you live near Nashville, TN? Join the DignityUSA Board for dinner during its upcoming meeting there! We will be meeting July 10-12 at a hotel near the airport. We invite members and friends to join us for dinner Saturday evening, July 11, starting at 6:30 PM. For more details, contact <mailto:execdir@dignityusa.org>. We'd love to count you in!

Join Dignity San Antonio on August 8 from 5:00pm - 9:30pm CT for an in-person celebration of 50 years of faithful and inclusive service to their community. The event is free, but registration is required. Donations gratefully accepted. [RSVP/Register Now](#)

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. There will not be an August meeting. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 819 2042 4656 password: 613538. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. 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*. There will not be an August meeting. **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>

For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <https://dignityny.org/>

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To submit items for consideration for distribution via our electronic announcements postings, send them to dignitynewyork@gmail.com

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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.

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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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