



**In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom**  
**Liturgy for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 14, 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](http://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 Many times, the hymnals or printed materials may still contain outdated language, and we encourage you to use inclusive words that reflect your faith and dignity.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: Bob Anthony**  
**First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6**  
**Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11**  
**Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8**  
**Eucharistic Prayer: # Community**

## Healing Service

### ORDER OF LITURGY

#### WELCOME:

**GATHERING SONG: Good New 1, 4**

**GC 679**

1. When Jesus worked here on earth he preached in his hometown,  
Isaiah's hopes now fulfilled, those claims of great renown.  
To bring good news to the needy, to make the blind to see,  
the broken hearts healed again, to set the captive free.
4. So pass it on today, good friend: the message is the same.  
Deliv'rance Christ alone can give, for this to earth he came.  
To bring good news...

Text: Howard S. Olson, 1993, Howard S. Olson

#### GREETING:

#### PENITENTIAL RITE:

#### OPENING PRAYER:

#### FIRST READING:

**RESPONSORIAL Psalm 147 Bless Our God, My Soul**

**GC 141**

Bless our God, my soul, who heals the brokenhearted.

1. Praise our God, O Jerusalem, chant praises to your God.  
The strength of God is your fortress sure,  
and blessed are your children.

Bless our God...

2. All praise to you, O gracious God, your goodness fills the earth.  
You raise anew Jerusalem, and gather all your lost ones.

Bless our God...

3. You heal the hurt and broken heart, you bind up ev'ry wound,  
you number all the stars of night and call each one by name.

Bless our God...

4. The peace of God shall be your hope, God's finest wheat, your food,  
the word of God fills all the earth, as rapid as the whirlwind.

Bless our God...

Text: Psalm 147:12-13, 1-2, 3-4, 14-15; Marty Haugen, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

## **SECOND READING:**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia**

**GC198**

**HEALING SERVICE:** Person anointing says, **“Through this holy anointing, may God, in loving mercy, help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy One, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.”**

## **PRAYERS OF COMMUNITY:**

*R/: Guide us, O God.*

## **PREPARATION SONG: We Are Many Parts GC 733**

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share.  
May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share,  
one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true,  
let us be your love to all the world.

We are many parts...

2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy, too;  
all is brought together in the Lord.

We are many parts...

3. All you seekers, great and small, seek the greatest gift of all;  
if you love, then you will know the Lord.

We are many parts...

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, 13; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1980, 1986, 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 201**

**Memorial Acclamation:** GC 203

**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 207

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

**COMMUNION HYMN: Myself Am the Bread of Life** GC 824

Refrain

I myself am the bread of life.  
You and I are the bread of life,  
taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ  
that the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit,  
gift of the Maker's love,  
and we who share it know that we can be one:  
a living sign of God in Christ.

2. Here is God's kin-dom  
given to us as food.  
This is our body, this is our blood:  
a living sign of God in Christ.

3. Lives broken open,  
stories shared aloud,  
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:  
a living sign of God in Christ.

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**BLESSING:**

**SONG OF SENDING FORTH: I Danced in the Morning** GC 708

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

- And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
 But they wouldn't dance, and they wouldn't follow me;  
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
 They came with me and the dance went on.  
 Dance then...
  3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
 The holy people said it was a shame.  
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
 And left me there on a cross to die.  
 Dance then...
  4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
 It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
 They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
 But I am the dance and I still go on.  
 Dance then...
  5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
 I am the life that'll never, never die;  
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
 Dance then...

Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915, 1963, Stainer & Bell Ltd. (Administered by Hope Publishing Co.)

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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.

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Father'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](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com), or drop at church on or before May 10th.

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Our annual Pride Appeal is being sent out today 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.

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**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.

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**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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) and indicate that they're interested in serving as a marshal.

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**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](mailto: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.

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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.

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You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc. through Zelle. Use Dignity New York Inc with [treasurer@dignityny.org](mailto: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



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## 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](mailto:execdir@dignityusa.org).

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## Join Our Friends at FutureChurch for Dr. Phyllis Zagano with “The Vatican and Women Deacons” Discussion June 18, 2026, at 7:00PM ET via Zoom

FutureChurch is honored to welcome back longtime friend Dr. Phyllis Zagano for a conversation on her latest book, *The Vatican and Women Deacons*.

At a pivotal moment in the Church’s synodal journey, *The Vatican and Women Deacons* provides a vital framework for understanding how questions of history, doctrine, and pastoral need intersect. Dr. Zagano’s work invites sustained reflection on the role of women in ministry and the future of the diaconate in a global Church.

Join us for an evening of thoughtful dialogue and critical engagement as we explore the historical foundations, theological implications, and contemporary significance of this ongoing conversation—one that FutureChurch has helped to bring into the mainstream and advance through more than two decades of sustained advocacy, theological engagement, and dialogue.

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## 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](#)

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## 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](mailto: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](#)

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

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## Online Pride Month Faith Sharing June 28

Save the Date: DignityUSA and the Federation of Christian Ministries will be cohosting an online Pride Month Faith Sharing event June 28 at 8:00 PM ET/5:00 PM PT. Mark your calendars now. More information and registration will be forthcoming.

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### 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](#)

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### 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](#)

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### Join the DignityUSA Board during its meeting in Nashville

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!

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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](#)

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### Conversion Therapy: Understanding and Confronting Harm Event Now Streaming

Members and friends of DignityUSA and Dr. Lucas Wilson (editor of *Shame-Sex Attraction: Survivors' Stories of Conversion Therapy*) chatted on May 20, 2026, on the topic of 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 presented a broadened definition of conversion practices before discussing the prevalence of conversion practices in North America. [Watch Now](#)

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

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

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**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.

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**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**

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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 [ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org](mailto:ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org)

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**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.

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**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](http://www.translifeline.org)

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**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>

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**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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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](mailto: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..

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**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.

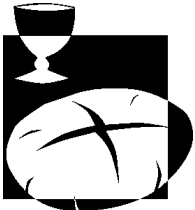
And so, with one voice we proclaim your glory as we sing:

*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.