

**Dignity/New York Liturgy Broadcast on Zoom
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022**

Everyone is welcome to join us via Zoom.us
06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

The link to join the meeting is
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Additional Instructions and Preparation

- When signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- Please be prepared to share Eucharist with us.
- We invite everyone to have bread and wine / grape juice present if you are able to and feel comfortable doing so. We are called to share in the priesthood of all believers in this Eucharistic celebration.
- Bread recipes are available on our [website Liturgy page](#).
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

WELCOME:

OPENING HYMN: They'll Know We Are Christians

GC 735

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians...

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

- Presider: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
All: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presider: Blessed be God,
who gives us life with all of creation,
joins us to the saving death of + Christ,
and raises us to new life by the Holy Spirit.
Blessed be the Trinity.
All: **Blessed be God forever.**

SPRINKLING RITE

HYMN: This Is The Feast vs 1, 2

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.
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Be God's the glory that we seek,
be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
we are in Christ made one.

No race or creed can love exclude,
if honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

*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.

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC 228

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 mother tenderly gathers her 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.

Memorial Acclamation

GC 306

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.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours All-loving (Almighty) God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 225

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
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Jesus said: 'I am the Bread
Kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me
Need not ever fear to die.'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way,
And my Abba longs for you;
So I come to bring you home
To be one with him anew.'

Jesus said: 'I am the Truth;
If you follow close to me,
You will know me in your heart,
And my word shall make you free.'

Jesus said: 'I am the Life
Far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this living bread,
And my Spirit you shall know.'

POST COMMUNION MEDITATION POEM

In Dignity/New York's commitment to diversity, we will recognize the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month which recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Tonight's poet is Ryka Aoki, a queer trans Asian American, is an American author and poet. She teaches English at Santa Monica College and gender studies at Antioch University. Her book *Why Dust Shall Never Settle Upon This Soul* was a finalist for the 28th Lambda Literary Awards in 2016.

The Woman of Water Dreams (by Ryka Aoki)

With another November,
the names of trans people
change color and fall.

Mispronounced, sainted,
ceded to anonymous candles,
anonymous flame.

Someone will pledge money.
Someone will start singing.

Some inspired someone will say,
"I think all hatred is bad!"
Why can't life just be good

for everyone?"

Past each favorite cousin,
each favorite movie,
each crisp new résumé...
Past each broken heel

fall wax and remembrance
just for a moment
still warm to the touch.

"She was fierce."
"An angel on earth."
"Enchanting."

I smell carne asada,
hear the #4 bus.

The hole in my heart murmurs yes,
yes, yes...

Stunted fathers. Neglected boys.
Cocktails of hormones
in stressed-altered wombs.

Healing the village,
speaking with the dead.
Dancing to the heavens
for fortune and rain.

Blessed goddesses, prophets,
mermaids in rainbow
flags and almost -
tenure-track in the new
Queer Studies Department.

Teeth kicked out, jawbones foot-
stomped into sidewalks.

False lashes and fables
entrance another's ever after.
Lace and illusion entangle the bedpost,

as I rattle my vanity
for foundation, concealer,
a face to a mispronounced name.

-from Why Dust Shall Never Settle Upon This Soul

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING OF JOE AKUS

CONCLUDING HYMN: Canticle of the Sun, vs. 1-3 GC 496

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of our God.

- 1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of our God in the rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way Unto your throne.
- 2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please
To please our God.
- 3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her myst'ry revealed Springs forth in joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements and Acknowledgement

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please exit through the common room if you are staying for the social.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page or at the bottom of our website for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

Check out the latest DignityUSA Dateline with link below or go to the DignityUSA website:

[Dignity Dateline](#)

Dateline Topics: Early Bird Discount Ending | Candidates Forum | Outreach Conference | Catholic Pride Blessing Submissions

2022 DignityUSA Board Candidates Forum (Members Event)

Please register through [DignityUSA.org](#) for our Candidates Forum, where our members can hear directly from those running for the DignityUSA Board of Directors! This forum event will take place on **Zoom, May 15, from 2pm to 3pm ET.**

All members received a ballot and if you have not voted yet, a reminder. Please use the last ballot sent or email operations@dignityusa.org if you have questions.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 697371

Liturgy Committee will meet 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

Little White Book Easter 2022 are available at the welcome table. If you wish to have a copy shipped, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your address for a copy to be shipped.

If you are interested in participating in a book club. We may start reading some of the books which are now banned. At first, we would be on Zoom. Contact Lewis (lewisnyc@gmail.com) if interested.

June 5, 2022

- Queens Pride is happening and DignityNY is marching. Parade occurs on 37th Ave in Jackson Heights (more details in coming weeks).
- Pentecost Sunday and kick off for the Chapter's 50th Anniversary year! Wear fire colors, red, orange, yellow, to celebrate the Church's birthday (add something about the Holy Spirit, if you want). Join us in the courtyard following liturgy for a festive celebration with pizza, salads, drinks and desserts.

AIDS WALK NY - Sunday, May 15, 2022 We are Team 0014. Become a Team Member and Sponsor a Walker. <https://ny.aidswalk.net>

2022 DignityUSA Conference Registration is Now Open. As with past conferences, the chapter will cover the conference registration for anyone who asks. Additional support will also be considered on a case by case basis. Speak to any Steering Committee or email dignitynewyork@gmail.com

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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

Additional Suggestions to help the people of Ukraine by City Council Member Erik Bottcher:

[People in Need](#) - People in Need is providing humanitarian aid to more than 200,000 people on the ground in Ukraine.

[Red Cross](#) - The International Committee of the Red Cross has had a presence in eastern Ukraine for years to deliver assistance to those affected by the Russian conflict following the annexation of Crimea.

[Ukrainian National Women's League of America](#) - Established in 1925, the UNWLA is the longest-running and largest Ukrainian women's organization in the US.

[UNICEF](#) - UNICEF is working to assist children and families in Ukraine by making sure their critical needs are met, like access to safe water, health care, education and protection, according to its website.

[United Help Ukraine](#) - UHU is working to provide individual first aid kits (containing blood-stopping bandages and tourniquets) and other emergency medical supplies to the front.

[QUA](#) - LGBTQ Ukrainians in America is the first association of LGBTQ Ukrainians and their allies in the United States.

Volunteering at Liturgies

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our liturgy: help open and close the church, reader, coordinator, sacristan or tech person, we are always looking for volunteers. Please let Larry Caputo or Lewis Speaks-Tanner know you are interested. Volunteer@dignityny.org

Protocols for in-person liturgy

Face covering and being vaccinated are required for ALL in the church at St. John’s. They are optional outside, such as in the courtyard. Reservations are not necessary. In addition, you are invited to exchange a Sign of Peace as you are comfortable doing, but please remain near your seat in order to maintain social distancing, and please respect everyone’s comfort level.

THE CHOIR is seeking new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John’s ½ hour before liturgy.

The Trevor Project

Crisis intervention and mental health services for those ages 13-24

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Crisis hotline: 866-488-7386 (for those ages 13-24)

Trans Lifeline (US) 877 565-8860 www.translifeline.org

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

24/7 hotline, staffed by trained individuals, for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Crisis hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255); 888-628-9454 (en español)

The Dignity/New York community enjoys and values your company in the celebration of our liturgy each week. Donations to Dignity/New York can be made by using the “Donate Now” located on our website or use the link below:

<https://www.dignityusa.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=31&chNum=709>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://www.dignityusa.org/join>

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

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail

DignityNY@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 Announcements@DignityNY.org

Steering Committee members: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner and Jeff Stone

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#)

DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE. Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person’s comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know. (The members of the Steering Committee can be identified by the rainbow-colored name tags they wear).

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY. In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the

Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.