

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Twelfth Sunday-In Ordinary Time June 23, 2024***

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.

Link is at the end of the announcements. When you log on for Liturgy, you will be placed in a waiting room, please log on before liturgy and make sure your name is associated at login to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins. We will not admit anyone who has a cryptic identification for the safety of the broadcast.

Zoom Instructions and Preparation

- Before 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.

Dignity/New York gathers proudly as a faith community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Straight Catholics and our friends. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome all to our liturgies regardless of their faith tradition, and all are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Our community has both ordained and lay presiders whom we have called forth to lead us during our liturgies.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we use gender-inclusive language. For example, you will notice that we use "All-loving God" instead of "Our Father" when reciting the Greatest Prayer. We make our best efforts to change our hymnals and printed materials as necessary, but they do not always reflect our use of gender-inclusive language. Please feel free to change any non-inclusive language as you prefer.

Also in the interest of inclusivity, our community has intentionally chosen to use the language of the Mass prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 2011.

WELCOME:

**Co-Presiders: Marta Colomer, Mattia Leingang and
Co-Presider-Homilist: Sean Collins**

PRIDE PROCLAMATION AND ENTRANCE:

In the 55th year since the Stonewall Rebellion,
In the 52st year since the creation of Dignity/New York,
In the 37th year of our exile from the hierarchy of the Catholic Church,

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

Tonight is the night, we gathered together as a faith community of lesbian and gay, bisexual and straight, transgender, intersex and all gender, queer and questioning, Catholics, Christians, and people of God.

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

We gathered from different backgrounds, different races and ethnicities, male and female, young and old, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, wives and husbands, partners and lovers, sisters and brothers, cisgender and transgender, nonbinary, queer, friends, families, and supporters, from near and from far, all united in one belief – in the dignity of all God's children.

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

Tonight is the night, we gather as a community of individuals, in-person and online, working together to welcome the oppressed, exiled and excluded, to touch the poor and suffering, heal the sick, and care for the homebound and forgotten.

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

We gather as a symbol of righteousness and honesty.

We gather in the prophetic witness of Jesus color who's for justice in love conquered fear in death.

Tonight is the night, we gather as prophets, telling the world about the new Jerusalem, where all people are included in God's grace and God dwells among us.

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

We gather in our celebration of pride.

We gather in love and life.

Tonight is the night, we gathered for the lavender liturgy of Dignity/New York.

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

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: **Wisdom 1:1, 4-5a, 6-7; 12-15; 2:23**

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 66: Let All the Earth

GC 65

Let all the earth cry out in joy to our God; Let all the earth cry out in joy to our God!

1. Cry out in joy to our God, 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 our God,
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: **2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7, 9, 12-15**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

GC 198

GOSPEL READING: **Mark 5:21-43**

Sean Collins

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Sean Collins

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Guide us, O God..*

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:

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:

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:

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 brothers and sisters, 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.

*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, 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 232**

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

Lamb of God, 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.

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus invites every one of us to share in this meal. No one should go away hungry from Jesus' table.*

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 AND DISMISSAL****CONCLUDING HYMN: City of God****GC 678**

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 the Lord, 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.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God...

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his 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...

Text: Dan Schutte, b.1947, 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

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 bring hymn book and any extra papers to the sacristy please exit through the common room.

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

**Please join us as we celebrate Pride 2024
Reflect. Empower. Unite!**

Dignity/New York position in the March down Fifth Avenue is in Section 1 | Order Number Within the Section 13 on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Line-up is at 11:15 on West 29th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. Those marching must enter on 29th Street at 6th Avenue. You also must be wearing a wristband.
We will distribute wristbands at 11:00 am near the corner of 6th Avenue and 29th Street. **Please be on time.**

There will not be a Sunday liturgy on June 30, 2024.

Our Pride Liturgy is on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 6:30 pm in St. John's in the Village Church, 218 West 11th St., 10014. The homilist and co-president is Sean Collins. A gala reception in the court yard will follow the Pride Liturgy

Pride Witness at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 10 am at the northwest corner of the Cathedral at the corner of Fifth Ave. and East 51st Street. We will be there for one half hour and join everyone at the March on West 29th St. Please see Lewis or email him at dignitynewyork@gmail.com for a spot in the witness.

For Pride and all year long, take a look at Sean Collins' webpage, [Legends of Pride](#)

St. John the Divine has a photo exhibition on Queer Religion: The Exhibition by Frances Marshall through June 30, 2024. The exhibition features Fr. Bernard Lynch and Sr. Jeanine Gramick among many other leaders,

Our website is working now. If you see issues with the website, let Lewis know. If you or anyone you know who knows PHP and Drupal, please give Lewis a call or send an email using dignitynewyork@gmail.com. We are looking to convert our website to Wordpress or similar platform. If anyone has experience with Wordpress, please let Lewis know.

Annual DignityNY Pride Appeal was emailed to all (last Saturday) and mailed to members earlier this week. If you did not receive a copy, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com and we will send you the appeal. thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 to assist as a behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

Express Interest by June 30 for the Opportunity to Join DignityUSA's First Spiritual Companionship Program Cohort

DignityUSA is now piloting a Spiritual Companionship Program. During the course of the program, participants will be paired with a fellow Dignity supporter from a different walk of life. Companions will be paired based on answers provided on a questionnaire designed to gain basic information about location, age-range, spiritual, sexual, and gender identity, and preferred method of communication. Companions will be encouraged to discuss topics ranging from coming out, to faith journeys, to the impact of Dignity in their lives. Participation is open to all ages. In fact, we encourage people from different age groups and backgrounds to participate since the goal of this program is to deepen connections among our members of different generations and learn from our unique experiences.

The expression of interest form must be completed by June 30 for consideration. Click the button in the DignityUSA email to be taken to the form. If you need the email which has the button, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com

[DUSA Dateline](#) Election Updates last date to vote is June 30th by 11:45 pm ET!

Ballots are out, both by mail and electronically. If you believe you should have received one and haven't, please contact info@dignityusa.org so we can investigate. Read statements from our Board of Directors candidates by going to [DUSA Dateline](#)

We plan to give away the remaining stock at our Pride Liturgy! On Sunday, March 17th, we blessed holy oil for use in the coming year for our healing services which includes when there are home visits by Bob Anthony. We have small containers of balm for each of you to take home. If you did not make it to church on March 17, you can pick up a container at church or have the balm shipped to you. Send an email to dignitynewyork@gmail.com.

DignityUSA mailing address has changed. It is now
DignityUSA
51 Pleasant St. #1107
Malden, MA 02148

If you have automatic payments that are sent to our mailing address, please be sure to update your bank or financial institution to reflect this change. Thank you!

For those who are unable to watch Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke's keynote "Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics" at the Outreach Conference you can click the link below.

[Watch Keynote](#)

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to DignityUSA.org to sign the beloved by God Declaration. Take a moment to look up transgender history, make a donation, honor a transgender person today.

Volunteering at Liturgies

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

THE CHOIR 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.

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

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

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 or Tom McLoughlin 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

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)

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

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/>

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. (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.

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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