

Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 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, gGay, 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:

Presider: Bob Anthony

HYMN: All You Who Are Thirsty

GC 501

All you who are thirsty, come to the water;
All you who hunger, come, receive grain;
All without money, come without paying;
All you who heed me, come for rich fare.

1. Come now and listen that you may have life; my covenant I will renew.
This covenant shall be eternal as I promised to David.

All you who are thirsty...

2. Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed my commandments and you shall eat well; you shall delight in rich fare.

All you who are thirsty...

3. Drink of this water abundant with life and eat of the bread I provide.
I am the bread, and the water am I; put thirsting and hunger aside.

All you who are thirsty...

Text: Isaiah 55; adapt. by Michael Connolly, b.1955, 1982, 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 90: Fill Us with Your Love, O God

GC 84

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord our God, have pity on your servants.

Fill us with your love...

2. Fill us at dawn with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness.
Make us glad for the days when you afflicted us,
for the years when we saw evil.

Fill us with your love...

3. Let your work be seen by your servants, and your glory by their children.
May your gracious care be ours. Prosper the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love...

Text: Psalm 90; Roy James Stewart, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING: **Hebrews 4:12-13**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* **GC 258**

GOSPEL READING: **Mark 10:17-25, 28-30** **Bob Anthony**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: **Bob Anthony**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Christ, hear us.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: **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:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

GC166

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:

GC 167C

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.

*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 171

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

COMMUNION HYMN: Behold the Lamb

GC 823

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
 We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.
 Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
 and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!
2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
 Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share.
 Behold, behold the Lamb...
3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
 Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.
 Behold, behold the Lamb...
4. Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
 Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.
 Behold, behold the Lamb...

Text: Martin Willett, 1984, OCP Publications

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River

GC 774

1. Shall we gather at the river,
 Where bright angel feet have trod;
 With its crystal tide for ever

Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river...
3. Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river...
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river...

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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.

DignityNY will celebrate , celebrate on its 52nd Anniversary Liturgy on Sunday, October 20, 2024.
The Guest Homilist and this year's Gormley-Spokes Award recipient will be Sr. Jeannine Gramick, SL.
After the liturgy, there will be a Gala Reception. **For the Gala Reception, please RSVP by emailing RSVP@dignityny.org with your name and how many people will joining you.**

DignityNY will celebrate All Saints and All Souls on Sunday, October 27, 2024.

City, State, National Elections are on November 5th.

In NYS, there is a constitutional amendment proposal to add language to the New York Bill of Rights to provide that people cannot be denied rights based on their "ethnicity, national origin, age, and disability" or "sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes,

and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.” Currently these rights are laws of the state and not found in the NYS Constitution.

- Online registration deadline: Saturday, October 26, 2024
- Register by mail deadline: Must be received by Saturday, October 26, 2024
- In person registration deadline: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Early voting starts on Saturday, October 26 - November 3, 2024

To review a ballot before going to the polls, go vote.gov or bluevoterguide.org

Liturgy Committee which normally meets on the second Monday [October's meeting will be on October 15th at 7 pm due to the holiday] at 7:30 pm on Zoom. No meeting in August. 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 to as as a behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom. No meeting in August. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 69737

Check out DignityUSA.org for Young Adult upcoming activities

The Gay Rights Bill digital exhibit has launched on the LaGuardia & Wagner Archives website. 25 people were interviewed for the project, which includes 100+ clips from the oral histories. The exhibit is divided into ten themes and oral histories discussing Dignity's role in the Bill are included in the "Religion" section.

https://www.laguardiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu/EdPrograms/LGBTQ_Exhibits.aspx?Exhibit=1986-Gay-Rights-Bill

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 dignitynewyorkddk@gmail.com. We are looking to convert our website to Wordpress or similar platform. If anyone has experience with other platforms, please let Lewis know.

Chapter Steering Committee Elections results Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin and Lewis Speaks-Tanner were elected to another 2 year term.

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc . using Zelle. You can send to the email address treasurer@dignityny.org. Suggestion: to ensure that you set everything accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00. In Notes, write your name and any details that are important to your donation. or donate using the QR code below.

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Theatre Outing

Michael LaCarrubba and Richard Ferrara are organizing a theater outing to Communion, a play by Matthew LaBanca at the Cell Theater on West 23 St. Sunday, November 17, 2024, 3:00 pm curtain. See them for details.

Please note that the information below comes from the latest Dateline. Anyone can sign up for the DignityUSA Dateline as well as the Breath of the Spirit (which is reflection for the coming week's readings. Go to DignityUSA.org to sign up. The blue boxes with a "?" Indicates that there is a graphic. They did not come over with cut and paste. To see photos, please sign up for Dateline.

Here's the news from DignityUSA.

2025 National Conference Updates



We hope you will be part of this exciting community gathering in Dublin, Ohio, July 4-6, 2025, at the Embassy Suites. If you pre-register with a payment of \$100 before the end of November, you will get a discount off the early registration rate!

Pre-register now!

And by the way, if you like to plan early, you can now book reservations at the conference hotel! Our special conference rate of \$149/night (plus taxes) for up to four people in a suite is available July 1 – 9, and changes can be made until late June 2025

Book Now

Look for updates on speakers, pre- and post-conference events, caucus gatherings, and more throughout the Fall. Conference registration will open early in 2025.

Sincerely,

DignityUSA Conference Committee

A New Year for DignityUSA!

October 1 marks DignityUSA's New Year! We thank **Nichole Carruba, Jason Carson Wilson, and Peggy Hayes** for their years of service on the DignityUSA Board. We welcome **Cait Gardiner, Susan Russell, and Tom Yates** who are beginning two-year terms. **Chris Franke** has also accepted re-appointment for another two-year term. Please keep these leaders in your prayers. To see our current **Leadership Team**, click [here](#)!

Book Chat: *Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions* with editors Ish Ruiz and Mark Guevarra

Join us for a discussion of the new book *Cornerstones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions*. Editors Ish Ruiz and Mark Guevarra, along with people featured in the book, will share stories and insights into the experience of Queer people working in Catholic schools and parishes. Read the book (available from [New Ways Ministry](#) or [Amazon](#)) and be part of this important conversation on the intersection of vocation, identity, law, church teaching and Catholic values! Tuesday, October 22, 8:00 PM ET/5:00 PM PT.

Dignity New Brunswick 40th Anniversary Liturgy

Join Dignity New Brunswick on October 12 for Zoom Liturgy celebrating their 40th Anniversary. Contact dignitynb@earthlink.net for Zoom link or more information.

Dignity Twin Cities 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join Dignity Twin Cities for dinner as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary at 6:00pm CT on October 26. A 50th Anniversary Liturgy will follow on October 27 at Prospect Park United Methodist Church at 4:00pm CT. The liturgy is free to attend, but you can click below to get tickets for the dinner.

In the News

'Sweet' Pet Therapy Team Brings Joy to Hospice Patients - Voices of Care Blog featuring longtime Dignity/Boston member David Houle's work with his pet therapy dog, Dolce

Transitions

DignityUSA Mourns the Passing of Elinor Crocker



Elinor Crocker, the only individual to have held all four officer positions in DignityUSA, passed away on October 7, 2024 at her daughter's home in Montgomery, Alabama.

Elinor was a longtime member of Dignity Washington and was beloved by members of our Washington, DC and Northern Virginia chapters. She joined Dignity in 1978 after learning her daughter was lesbian.

"Elinor was one of the fiercest allies of our community I ever met," said Marianne Duddy-Burke, who met Elinor in 1982. "She was entirely committed to justice and inclusion and gave 150% to the work. It's hard to think of a Dignity event Elinor was not part of. I remember her laugh ringing out across the room at many a national convention, and seeing her in intense bridge games with three friends."

Elinor was elected national Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President, serving in these roles throughout the 1980s. On the last day of his second term, DignityUSA President Jim Bussen resigned, elevating Elinor to the role of President for a day. She spent the day issuing directives, including designating iced tea, which she drank by the gallon, the official beverage of Dignity.

Elinor was recognized with the Michael Bushek Award, one of DignityUSA's highest honors, in 1995. This award honors those who have provided exceptional service to DignityUSA.

Elinor moved to Arizona in her later years and was a regular attendee of Dignity Arizona until she moved into an assisted living facility. She relocated to her daughter's home in Montgomery for the final two years of her life.

Details of any memorials are pending and will be released at a later date.

We offer deep condolences to Elinor's family and to all who loved her. May her memory continue to inspire solidarity and fierce advocacy among many.

DignityUSA

www.dignityusa.org

DignityUSA works for respect and justice for people of all sexual orientations, genders, and gender identities—especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual and intersex persons—in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy, and support.

Thank you for subscribing to Dateline.

Please consider [making a donation](#) to help support our mission. We are grateful for your contribution!

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.

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

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.

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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

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.

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

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://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.

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