



***In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 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:

Presiders: Bob Anthony

HYMN: On Jordan's Bank

GC 321

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise the Son eternally,
Whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 66: Let All the Earth

GC 65

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

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

Let all the earth cry out...

2. Leading your people safe through fire and water,

bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory,
your love is eternal.

Let all the earth cry out...

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

Let all the earth cry out...

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

SCOND READING: **Philippians 4:4-7**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* **GC 198**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:10-18 **Bob Anthony**

SSCRIPTURE REFLECTION: **Bob Anthony**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Be near us, O God.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: Within Our Hearts Be Born **GC 329**

1. O ancient love, processing through the ages:
O hidden love, revealed in human form:
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.
2. O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger:
O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn:
O hungry love, that lay within a manger:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.
3. O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow:
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn:
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.
4. O suffering love, that bears our human weakness:
O boundless love, that rises with the morn:
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
O living Love, within our hearts be born,
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

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: *Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy*

GC201

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 203

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

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, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen!

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

GC 183

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

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 207

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

COMMUNION HYMN: Pan De Vida

GC 848

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

1. We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.

Pan de Vida...

2. Ustedes me llaman 'Señor,' me inclino a lavarles los pies:
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros.

Pan de Vida...

3. There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free:
there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.

Pan de Vida...

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Awake, O Sleeper

GC 803

Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night;
the wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light.

1. Once you were darkness, once you were lost in the shadows.
Once you were darkness, now you are children of light.

Awake, O sleeper...

2. Live as God's people, live as God's justice and mercy,
filled with compassion, filled with the power of love.

Awake, O sleeper...

3. Shine out with the splendor of love, shine with justice and righteousness.
Sing the music your spirit has heard, the songs of glory and light.

Awake, O sleeper...

Text: Ephesians 5; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

The DignityNY Advent Appeal was mailed to members and will be sent by e-mail and posted to our website by Sunday evening

**Advent & Christmas @ DignityNY
Christmas Eve**

We will have Christmas Eve liturgy at St. John's and broadcast via Zoom for those who cannot be at the church in person. December 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The Little Blue Book (Advent/Christmas) have arrived. There are limited number of extra books available. If you want to reserve a copy either to be mailed or picked up, e-mail dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Shine Your Light for Advent

Our Advent Appeal is now live! Support DignityUSA's Advent Appeal to create a Catholic Church where all sexual orientations, genders, and identities are truly welcome. **Help us reach our \$30,000 goal to fuel advocacy, education, and connection.** We can't do it without your help!

[Donate Now](#)

Join us for Lessons and Carols at our December 18 Advent Reflection

Join us **Wednesdays at 8pm ET/ 5pm PT December 4 - 18** for *Nativity in the Darkness: Advent Reflections on Trans and Queer Hope*: We reflect on the themes of hope, marginalization, and the power of the Nativity story, drawing parallels between the struggles faced by LGBTQIA+ people and the journey of Jesus' birth in a world marked by darkness and oppression.

- **December 18:** Lessons & Carols: Join us for a contemplative lesson from **Sr. Jane Aseltyne, IHM**, and carols that speak to the heart of hope during this season of emergence.

Watch Max Kuzma's reflection from week 1.

[Watch Now](#)

Watch Maddie Marlett's reflection from week 2.

[Watch Now](#)

The event provides space for reflection, solidarity, and spiritual renewal, highlighting how queer and trans hope can be found even in times of difficulty, and emphasizing the inclusive, transformative potential of the Advent season for those on the margins.

[Register Now](#)

2024 Membership Meeting Now Streaming

Thanks to all who attended our Membership Meeting. The DignityUSA Membership Meeting provided an opportunity for members and friends of DignityUSA to hear a report on the programmatic and fiscal accomplishments and challenges of FY 2024 (Oct. 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2024). Members also had the opportunity to ask questions of Board members and to share ideas.

[Watch Now](#)

DignityUSA at the Synod Now Streaming

Hear a report from Secretary Sam Albano and Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke about their work on behalf of DignityUSA during the recent Synod Assembly in Rome. They share their experiences and answer questions. This event was recorded on November 25, 2024.

[Watch Now](#)

Join us July 2025!



We hope you've saved the date for our national gathering in Dublin, Ohio from July 4-7 with the theme "We Are God's People: Here, Now, Always." Registration for the conference will open in early February.

Planning is in full swing for every element of the conference, from engaging plenary sessions and meaningful liturgies to dynamic entertainment and community events. Our workshops are always a highlight, and for this conference they promise to both inform and inspire, perfectly aligning with our conference theme. Here's a sneak peek at some of what's in store.

You'll have the opportunity to discover how LGBTQIA+ individuals embody and reflect the Divine in innovative and meaningful ways. Explore the role of art as a creative response to one's experiences within God's community. Delve into the intricacies of gender-affirming health care, gaining essential insights for advocacy and support. Learn how to prioritize your well-being with vital strategies for self-care, tailored specifically for justice workers and advocates who tirelessly champion change. Finally, join us as we reimagine and expand the concept of family through a queer lens, celebrating diverse and inclusive familial bonds.

Watch for more updates in the weeks ahead, and in the meantime, you can now book your hotel room at the special conference rate of \$149 per night for up to 4 people per room plus breakfast daily and an afternoon reception.

[Book Now](#)

Liturgy Committee meets on the second Monday 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 as the 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

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

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc .through Zelle.
Use the Dignity New York Inc with treasurer@dignityny.org as the correct to send donations. Include your name and reasons for the donation in the email line. Suggestion: to ensure that you set everything up accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00.



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.

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

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DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE. Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person’s comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know..

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY. In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.

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:

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