



***In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- January 19, 2025***

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.

Presider: Bob Anthony
Homilist: Bob Anthony
First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11
Eucharistic Prayer: #Community

ORDER OF LITURGY

WELCOME:

GATHERING SONG & PROCESSION: Wade in the Water

GC 812

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.

Cantor: 1. See that host all dressed in white, All: God's a gonna trouble the water;
Cantor: The leader looks like the Israelite, All: God's a gonna trouble the water.
Wade in the water...

Cantor: 2. See that band all dressed in red, All: God's a gonna trouble the water;
Cantor: Looks like the band that Moses led, All: God's a gonna trouble the water.
Wade in the water...

Cantor: 3. Look over yonder, what do I see? All: God's a gonna trouble the water;
Cantor: The Holy Ghost a comin' on me, All: God's a gonna trouble the water.
Wade in the water...

Cantor: 4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed, All: God's a gonna trouble the water;
Cantor: Just follow me down to Jordan's stream, All: God's a gonna trouble the water.
Wade in the water...
Text: African-American spiritual

GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Great Is the Lord

GC 684

Great is the Lord, worthy of praise, tell all nations God is King!
Spread the news of God's love!

1. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.
God has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to the lowly.

Great is the Lord...

2. How beautiful upon the mountains, the feet of those who bring glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news that the Lord God is King!

Great is the Lord...

3. Give glory to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit blest,
the God who is, who was, who will be, for ever, Amen.

Great is the Lord...

Text: Isaiah 61:1-4; 52:7; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927, 1974, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

GC 258

GOSPEL:

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: *Strengthen us, O God.*

PREPARATION SONG:*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

GC 635

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he's leading,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feeding.
3. Confused and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me;
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me,
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.
5. You spread a table in my sight;
Your saving grace bestowing;
And O what transport of delight
From your pure chalice flowing!

6. And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house for ever.

Text: Psalm 23; Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt.

PREPARATION PRAYER:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

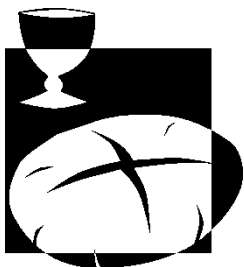
ALL: Preface Acclamation: *Holy, Holy*

GC 228

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 230

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 232

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

COMMUNION HYMN: I Received the Living God

GC 851

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.'

I received the living God...

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

I received the living God...

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.'

I received the living God...

Jesus said: 'I am the Life
Far from whom no thing can grow,

But receive this living bread,
And my Spirit you shall know.'

I received the living God...
Text: Anonymous

MEDITATION: A Reading from Martin Luther King, Jr's Letter from a Birmingham Jail

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: Sign Me Up

GC 805

Solo: Sign me up, All: Sign me up for the Christian jubilee,
Solo: Write my name, All: Write my name on the roll.
Solo: For, I've been changed, All: I've been changed since the Lord has lifted me,
I want to be ready when Jesus comes.
1. When Jesus comes, oh, the trumpet will sound loud,
When my Savior comes, all the saints in Christ shall rise,
Oh, I'm glad I've been changed since he lifted me,
I want to be ready when Jesus comes.

Sign me up...

2. You know not the day nor the hour he shall appear,
But we know in our hearts that he's coming back again,
My heart is fixed and my mind's made up.
I want to be I want to be ready when Jesus comes.

Sign me up...
Text: Kevin Yancy and Jerome Metcalfe, 1979, 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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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.

DignityNY Advent Appeal was mailed to members and sent by e-mail to all.. If you need a copy of the chapter Advent Appeal, we can send you a copy via email (dignitynewyork@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity.

Please help Sandy Thezan reach her fundraising goal of \$2,800 for the Special Olympics NY's 2025 Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 15th, 2025. The Polar Plunge donations will support NY Special Olympics athletic training.

The link to donate: <http://events.nyso.org/goto/2025SandyThezan>

If you would like to donate by check, please make your check payable to "Special Olympics NY," Memo: "Sandy Thezan" and mail the check to: 6 Anthony Drive; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

If you have any further questions, please email sthezan@optimum.net or call (845) 240-1202.

"I appreciate your help in advance. No amount is too big or too small.

My best regards, Sandy Thezan"

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](#)

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](#)

We're Close to Our Goal!

Our Advent appeal is still open! If you were not able to make your contribution before the end of the year, you can still do so. We need another \$3,000 to meet our goal! Both one-time gifts and monthly pledges help support our work. Help us reach our \$30,000 goal to fuel advocacy, education, and connection. **We can't do it without your help!**

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.

Tax Letters

Tax letters to those who donated at least \$250 during 2024 will be mailed out by January 13. If you don't receive yours or notice any discrepancies, please contact operations@dignityusa.org.

Dignity Young Adults Retreat

Space is limited to 10 participants. You will be added to a waitlist once we have reached 10 registrants. If you have any questions, please reach out to the DYAC team at dyacteam@dignityusa.org.

[Register Now](#)

DignityUSA at Q Christian Fellowship Conference January 23 - 26 in Atlanta

Join DignityUSA at the upcoming Q Christian Fellowship conference! Our Board Secretary, Sam Albano, will present a breakout session on Saturday, January 25, at 2:30pm: **Holding Fast to the Good: LGBTQ+ Catholic Wisdom for Everyone**

Description:

Vatican pronouncements that rule out same-sex relationships and transgender identities are well-known. Yet, for over fifty years, LGBTQ+ Catholics have charted a different course informed by our prayer, our communities, and our own lived-experience.

This workshop will reflect on those themes already present in the Catholic tradition that LGBTQ+ Catholics have found to be deeply affirming and sustaining in our walk of Christian discipleship. Participants will be invited to reflect upon and share the positive aspects of their own churches and faith traditions that sustain their LGBTQ+ identities in a positive, life-affirming manner.

We will also be holding an informal gathering during the conference weekend. Download the upcoming conference app and follow the Catholic group for forthcoming details.

We hope to see you there!

In the News

[Trump nominates CatholicVote president and culture warrior as Holy See ambassador](#) - Religion News Service

[Vatican names liberal San Diego Cardinal Robert McElroy as new D.C. leader](#) - Washington Post

Prayers for California

DignityUSA has been assured that all our members and friends in southern California are safe from the fires. Some had to evacuate briefly but, as of now, all are back home. Our thoughts and prayers are with all impacted, with the emergency responders, and all whose homes, communities, and lives will need to be rebuilt.

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.



Zelle

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

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..

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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