

**Dignity/New York Liturgy Broadcast on Zoom
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 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: Glory and Praise to Our God GC 522

Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings God bears to those who trust in God's ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of God who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings.
2. In God's wisdom God strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.
3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.
4. God has watered our barren land and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink.

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 3, 4

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.

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

3. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till love creates the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

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

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand.
 Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.
2. Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there;
 if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find you there.
3. You know my heart and its ways, you who formed me before I was born
 in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun in my mother's womb.
4. Marvelous to me are your works; how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
 Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, you would still be there.

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 David Woo.

The son of immigrants from China, David Woo was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. He studied English at Harvard and Stanford and Chinese at Yale, and was a Wallace Stegner fellow in poetry at Stanford. He is the author of two poetry collections, *The Eclipses* (2005), which won the A. Poulin Jr. Poetry Prize, and *Divine Fire* (2021). Woo's work has been widely published in magazines such as the *New Yorker*, the *New Republic*, and the *Threepenny Review*.

ON FAILING TO WRITE A POEM AGAINST WAR by David Woo

Not a battlefield but a metaphor for battles
in the plain room adorned with cut-out silhouettes
of a family lost in an argument without origin,

not a massacre but wounds of tenderness
to be bandaged, made aseptic, someday
forgotten, even the scar ignored when exposed,

not a bullet, not a fire burst, not a fléchette
gyring out of the trench into the open mouth
of some whirling, voracious, flying machine,

I saw no vision, ink-stained with searching one,
my hands glazed on the friction of my ablutions,
clear laminate of my palms, cleansed lifeline,

eyes lost in a thousand liquid prisms, the way

water takes you into its course to pacify you now,
as it invades the air, with its slow vanishing.

from *Divine Fire*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING HYMN: We Are the Light of the World

GC 508

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

We are the light of the world;
may our light shine before all,
that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God
Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted
Bless us, O Lord,
when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, They will be satisfied
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who bring peace among us, They are the children of God
Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who suffer from persecution, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

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:

[Dateline: Conference Updates | Catholic Pride Blessing | Candidates Forum Video](#)

2022 Election for DignityUSA Board Members

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.

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.

Spring cleaning alert. We are collecting men's clothing for St. Christopher's Inn, a temporary homeless shelter that provides Chemical Dependency Treatment. The Inn is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars at Graymoor, NY. We are looking for lightly worn spring and summer clothes, shirts with collars, button down or plain, Polo shirts, pants, shorts, shoes, sneakers. Cannot accept used underwear or socks. Bring items to St. John's on Sunday, May 22nd or May 29th. For further information, you may call Richard Ferrara at 646-303-4258

Saturday, June 25, 2022, 6:30 pm - Pride Liturgy at St. John's in the Village Church and broadcast on Zoom

Sunday, June 26, 2022 - Witness on the sidewalk in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday, June 26, 2022 - March with Dignity/New York at the Heritage of Pride March

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.

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

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.

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

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

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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. (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.