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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.

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.

Gathering Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient Are

GC 373

1. We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.
2. Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we bring to crown him again;
King forever,
Ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
O star of wonder...
3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising
Gladly raising,
Worshiping God on high.
O star of wonder...
4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
O star of wonder...
5. Glorious now behold him rise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings, 'Hallelujah!'
'Hallelujah!' earth replies.
O star of wonder...

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

Sign of The Cross & Greeting**Penitential Rite****Opening Prayer**

Word**Reading I**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsory

Psalm 84: Happy Are They

GC 77

Happy are they who dwell in your house, O God, who dwell in your house, O God.

1. My soul yearns and pines for the courts of our God
My heart and my flesh cry to the living God.

Happy are they...

2. The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest;
Your altars, O Lord, my King and my God.

Happy are they...

3. Happy are they who abide in your house.
You are their strength, your praises they will sing.

Happy are they...

Text: Psalm 84:2, 3, 4, 5-6; Thomas J. Porter, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reading II

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Epiphany Proclamation

Acclamation (sung)

Alleluia

GC 198

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Dr. José Román

Homily

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General Intercessions *Please respond, "Emmanuel, hear our prayer."*

Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts

Hymn:

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

GC 360

1. There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow, follow,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
Follow the Star of Bethlehem,

- Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow...

Text: Traditional

Eucharistic Prayer

(Based on Reconciliation II)

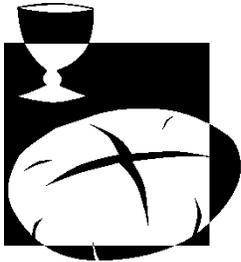
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

ALL: HOLY, HOLY (GC 201)

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 faith.

ALL: *(sung)* **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.

ALL: *(Sung by all)*

(GC 168)

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Greatest Prayer

Plainchant

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

The Peace

Exchanging a sign of peace, "Peace be with you."

The Breaking of Bread

LAMB OF GOD

GC 207

Communion *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body of Christ.*

Communion Hymn: Brightest and Best

GC 379

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
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 Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
 Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
 Brightest and best...
3. Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
 Odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
 Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
 Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?
 Brightest and best...
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
 Vainly with gifts would his favor secure,
 Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
 Dearer to God are the pray'rs of the poor.

- Brightest and best...
5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Brightest and best...

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: ***Once in Royal David's City***

GC 372

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all should be
Kind, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feels for all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he has gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

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.

The current Dateline dated December 31, 2022 is [DignityUSA Statement on the Death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI](#)

Guest Homilist for Epiphany, January 8, 2023 will be Rev. Dr. José Román.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page or at the bottom of our website for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

The 2023 Dignity/New York calendars have arrived. They are available at the welcome table at church. They are courtesy of Provenzano Lanza Funeral Home and Hector Gonzalez.

DignityNY members received the Advent appeal by email and/or mail. If you did not get a copy of the Advent appeal, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com. We will continue the appeal into January.

Gay Priest John McNeill: Stories of a Passionate and Prophetic Witness

Jan 12, 2023 08:00 PM ET with Brendan Fay and Mary Hunt via Zoom

<https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/events/gay-priest-john-mcneill>

A Conversation with God's Works Revealed Author Sam Albano (DignityUSA Event)

Sam Albano will discuss and answer questions on his new book: *God's Works Revealed: Spirituality, Theology, and Social Justice for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Catholics* (Paulist Press, 2022). Sam Albano is a member of Dignity/Indianapolis and currently serves as national secretary of DignityUSA. The planned program duration is 45-50 minutes, followed by Q&A/Conversation with the author.

January 19, 2023, 8:30pm [Register Now](#)

From Tom Moulton - **Valentine's 2023 Picnic-On-The-Street** Greetings and Happy New Year! We are gearing up for the Valentine's Day Winter Picnic on the Street scheduled for **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH**. This will be a **warm hearts and hands event**, with handmade desserts, hot beverages, and as many hats, gloves, socks and blankets as possible with hygiene kits available as well.

The fundraising campaign is up <https://gofund.me/52d36132>

The aim is to have enough items for 500. We are looking for donations of the following:

- 500 handmade baked goods, candy, and other sweet treats, individually bagged
- 500 hand dyed hard boiled eggs, the more colorful the better!
- 500 pairs of gloves/hats/socks - prefer sized mens large - our folks often layer in the winter and need the generous cut to accommodate this
- 500 individually bagged travel sized hygiene kits (toothbrush, paste, razor, deodorant, wipes, shampoo, hand sanitizer, etc)

- 500 valentine's cards, if possible made by our youngest volunteers - our folks get the most joy from seeing the earnest effort of love made just for them.

We continue to take measures to keep our community as safe as possible from Covid. Full vaccination is required for attendance at St. John's, and masks are now optional in the church.

If you test positive for Covid after attending one of our liturgies, you may want to consider notifying the people you were in close contact with, so they may take measures to protect their own health. If you would like assistance in doing this on a confidential basis, please contact any member of the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month (no meeting in August) at 7:30 pm on Zoom

All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 697371

Liturgy Committee will meet the second Monday (no July meeting) 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

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

Defenders caucus (leather/kink) will have its monthly meeting on Zoom the **third Tuesday** of each month at 8 pm ET. Please let Lewis know if you are interested and you will get the link.

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)

When shopping on amazon.com, you can support Dignity/New York by using smile feature which allows amazon to make contributions from a portion of the purchases you make to a charity of your choice.

We are listed as Dignity New York Inc. DignityUSA also has account as Dignity Inc.

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/civicrm/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, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velaquez

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#)

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.