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06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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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: Gather Us In

GC 744

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in' all

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

Word

Reading I**Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13**

Responsory

Psalm 139: Happy the Poor in Spirit

GC 139

Happy the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

1. Lord, you keep faith for ever, secure justice for the oppressed.
You give food to all who are hungry. O Lord, you set captives free.

Happy the poor in spirit...

2. Lord, you open up blind eyes, and you raise up all those bowed down.
The alien people are welcomed. The just, secure in your love.

Happy the poor in spirit...

3. Orphans, widows find comfort, but the wicked you take to their ruin.
Your reign lasts for all generations, both now and for evermore.

Happy the poor in spirit...

Text: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 8c-10; Thomas J. Porter, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reading II

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Acclamation (sung)

Alleluia

GC 198

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Bob Anthony

Homily

Bob Anthony

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

Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts

Hymn:

Eye Has Not Seen

GC 638

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen...

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.

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: I Am the Bread of Life

GC 828

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever.
5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
into the world.

Post Meditation Poem honoring International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27th

[THOUGHTS AND POEMS : Shoah-Namensmauern \(shoah-namensmauern-wien.at\)](http://shoah-namensmauern.wien.at)

FATE OF THE JEWS

KURT MEZEI 1924 – 1945

Author of the poem “Fate of the Jews”

The twins Kurt and Ilse Mezei, born in 1924, were able to survive as persecuted Jews with their mother, until 1945. Their father had been murdered in Auschwitz. Ilse Mezei died from a bomb which fell on the building of the Jewish Community Council in Vienna.

On the 12th of April 1945, barely a few hours before the Red Army entered Vienna, her brother Kurt was dragged from the basement of the house on Förstergasse 7 by an SS patrol, who promptly shot him. The only survivor of the family, Margarete Mezei, died in Vienna in 1993.

The Diary Records of Kurt Mezei, which are preserved today in the archives of the Vienna Jewish Museum, are a deeply distressing account of the National-Socialist Era in Austria.

Fate of the Jews

By Kurt Mezei

Today I saw a thousand people, with distraught countenances
Today I saw a thousand Jews, wandering to nothingness,
In the grey of the cold morning shuffled the banished crowd,
And behind it faded out what was their life's reward,
They passed the gates and knew: never back!
They left behind everything: fortune, prestige, luck.

Where will they bring you? Where will your journey end?
They know only this: barbed wire is where they will be sent!
And what will await them is agony, pain and distress,
Loss, hunger, epidemics, and for many of them death.

I looked into their eyes with fraternal unity,
Expecting deepest laments for their adversity,
But instead of despair I just saw tremendous struggle,
Attitude of resistance from their eyes full of trouble.
Saw the hot will of life, saw hope and hot hardihood.
I saw in some faces a smile, intense and good.
But then I've noticed, deeply moved, the people's spirit,
Who selected to suffer, coped to overcome pain bit by bit,
Who suffered distress, misery, exile, slavery and detention,
Still stand with unbroken strength and hope for redemption.

Today I saw a thousand people, confused in some way
Foresaw the "rays of eternal light", while all is still grey.

Translated from the German by Cathérine Hug and Harold Otto

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

GC 513

1. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
 This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine;
 This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African-American spiritual

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 January 26, 2023 is [Dateline: Response to Pope's Statement | Jason Steidl Jack Author Chat | 50th Anniversaries | Now Hiring and more](#)

SUPPORT TRANSGENDER & NONBINARY PEOPLE - GO TO DIGNITYUSA.ORG TO SIGN THE BELOVED BY GOD DECLARATION

Lenten Reflection Series

Join us each Wednesday night in Lent starting on February 22, Ash Wednesday, through April 5 at 8pm-9pm ET (7pm-8pm CT/ 6pm-7pm MT/ 5pm-6pm PT) to discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Register once to get a reminder each week, and join us for a single session or the entire series! **This series is free but registration is required on www.dignityusa.org.**

February 22, 2023 to April 5, 2023 8:00pm

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.

Donation letters were sent out. If you did not get a letter and you need it for income tax purposes, see Chris Alberti or email him treasurer@dignityny.org.

The Little Black Book for Lent has arrived! Lent begins on February 22, 2023. We want everyone in the community to have a book. If you are not able to pick one up at church, we will gladly ship one to you- email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

From Tom Moulton - **Valentine's 2023 Picnic-On-The-Street** 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.

Things are moving right along for our Winter Picnic, and we are so pleased to have so many willing participants joining us again this year. If you or your group are bringing any of the following items, please RSVP Tom Moulton (moulton1cat@yahoo.com) with an approximate count so that we can plan accordingly:

1. Brownies
2. Cookies
3. Cake
4. Candy
5. Hand Dyed hardboiled easter eggs
6. Hygiene products
7. "Warmies" (hats, gloves, socks, scarves, coats, blankets)

If you have been with us before, or are joining for the 1st time, all dessert items need to be bagged in generous, individual portions in **sandwich** bags (or similar, such as 2-3 cookies per bag, 1-2 brownies, 4-5 pieces of candy). Hygiene products should be placed in a **gallon** sized bag.

Gently used items: please **launder** all hats, gloves, and scarves, blankets or coats. Please do not bring items that require repair or need obvious replacements of zippers, buttons etc. These items are best donated to other sources as we have no way of doing such repairs on the street.

New items: please **remove** all sales tags and plastic packaging so these items are "ready to use" and can be easily tucked in to waiting pockets.

Please spread the word, and share our fund raising campaign widely!

<https://gofund.me/dc589e6b>

LGBTQ-RAN presented the webinar: Gay Priest John McNeill: Stories of a Passionate & Prophetic Witness. That was the largest participation LGBTQ-RAN has had for one of its online presentations and it was truly outstanding--a very moving and thoughtful reflection on the life of this iconic figure of the last fifty years.

Now you can watch the recording of the presentation at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8M8jF6WFVI>

Feel free to send this link to friends and colleagues and invite them to watch this profoundly inspiring program. You can also see recordings of all of LGBTQ-RAN's past programs, as well as announcements of future webinars on our [Events page](#).

If you enjoyed this presentation--and would like to see others like it--please help make that happen with your [gift to LGBTQ-RAN](#). We are a very small operation that depends upon the generosity of friends like you to continue to provide valuable information on queer religious history to everyone--for free.

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.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page or at the bottom of our website 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, 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, 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.