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06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

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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: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***GC 507**

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.
In him there is...
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is...

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, 1970, 1975, Celebration

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

Word

Reading I**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6****Responsory*****Here I Am, Lord*****GC 686**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947, 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

Reading II

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Acclamation (sung)

Alleluia

GC 198

Gospel

John 1:29-34

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Homily

Lewis Speaks-Tanner

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

Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts

Hymn:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

GC 726

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

blessed you, God of all creation. He broke the bread, shared it with his friends 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 friends 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.

ALL: *(sung)* **Memorial acclamation**

(GC 203)

Presider: We celebrate this feast in memory of Jesus, our brother and Savior. We honor the memory of those who shared his earthly ministry, and became the first bearers of the sacred Christian tradition, which has been passed through the ages and is now entrusted to us. We treasure our faith in the resurrection, and the new life birthed in us.

ALL: God Most Holy, keep us faithful to your dreams for us, faithful to your Word alive in us. Help us to hear your voice calling each of us to discipleship and to service in your name. Strengthen us to follow your call, despite sanction, ridicule, and rules that may seem to limit the possibilities before us.

Presider: We pray in thanksgiving, O God, that you have brought us into loving community. We are thankful for those who have worked throughout the years to create this community, for those who gather with us today, and for those who will join the circle in days to come. We recall those whom we love who are no longer with us, and pray for the peace of their souls. We pray for all who seek the fullness of your vision here on earth, and for everyone who works for fuller justice in our world and our Church.

ALL: May the vision of unity that Jesus put forth to his disciples be fulfilled in our day. Let this meal nourish us to go into the world to heal and serve one another in the service of your Word. All of this we ask through Christ, 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.”

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

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb

GC 823

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.

Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory!

2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share.

Behold, behold the Lamb...

3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.

Behold, behold the Lamb...

4. Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

Behold, behold the Lamb...

Text: Martin Willett, 1984, OCP Publications

"I Have a Dream" Speech

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn:

Send Down the Fire

GC 466

Send down the fire of your justice, Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

1. Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Send down the fire...

2. Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Send down the fire...

3. Call us to answer oppression, Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls, 'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your truth.

Send down the fire...

4. Call us to witness your Kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Send down the fire...

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1989, 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 exit through the common room if you are staying for the social.

The current Dateline dated January 11, 2023 is [Dateline: Media Responses to Pope Benedict Death | Sam Albano Book Chat | Families with Dignity Survey and more](#)

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.

[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.
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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)

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/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.