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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: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

GC 382

1. Again we keep this solemn fast,
A gift of faith from ages past,
This Lent which binds us lovingly
To faith and hope and charity.
2. The law and prophets from of old
In figured ways this Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,
In these last days has sanctified.
3. More sparing, therefore, let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense;
Learn peace through holy penitence.
4. Let us avoid each harmful way
That lures the careless mind astray;
By watchful prayer our spirits free
From scheming of the Enemy.
5. We pray, O blessed Three in One,
Our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days,
May bring us growth and give you praise.

Text. Ex more docti mystico; ascr. To Gregory the Great, c. 540-604; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b. 1949, © 1975, Peter J. Scagnelli, published by World Library Publications

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

Word

Reading I

Genesis 2:7 — 3:1-7

Responsory***Psalm 32: I Turn to You***

GC 44

I turn to you in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy is he whose sin is forgiven, whose fault is taken away.
Happy is she whom God shall find of an innocent heart,

in whose soul there is no guile.

I turn to you...

2. I kept my sin held deep in my soul, and my frame was wasted away.
Night and day was your hand a weight upon my heart:
I was weak, wracked with fever and alone.

I turn to you...

3. Then I acknowledged the pain of my sin, and my guilt I covered not.
I said I confess my fault unto you, and you took away the guilt of my sin.

I turn to you...

4. Oh, be glad in our God; exult, you just; rejoice, all you upright of heart.

I turn to you...

Text: Psalm 32:1-2, 3-4, 5, 11; Rory Cooney, 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. 1969, ICEL

Reading II

Romans 5:12-19

Acclamation (sung) Return to God

GC 389

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Leanne Finamore

Homily

Leanne Finamore

General Intercessions Please respond, "God of mercy, hear our prayer."

Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts

Hymn:

Hosea

GC 386

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.

Long have I waited...

3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited...

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940, 1972, 1980, The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.

Eucharistic Prayer

*Adapted from ICEL, "Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II" and written by members
the Dignity Boston Community.*

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: Compassionate One, all-powerful and ever-living God, we praise and thank you through Christ Jesus for your presence and action in the world. You are a God of love and mercy, always ready to forgive. We constantly fall short of your vision for us--we stumble, we falter, we hurt one another--and you invite us again to trust in your mercy.

All: In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace. The Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, and nations seek the way of peace together. The Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For this we never cease to thank and praise you.

Presider: Now, with all the choirs of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of your praise:

ALL: HOLY, HOLY (GC 291)

Presider: God of power and tenderness, we praise you through 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.

All: 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.

Presider: We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

All: On the evening before his suffering and death, Jesus took bread into his hands, he blessed you, and broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples with the words:

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: After supper,

All: 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: Eternal God, your only begotten 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. And so together, we proclaim our Easter faith:

ALL: (sung) **Memorial acclamation**

(GC 294)

Presider: Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit bless our Dignity community, and bring us to that day when we will share this table with N., the bishop of Rome. Keep us in communion with all who serve and lead your people. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

All: You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints. We pray for our departed brothers and sisters, whom we commend to your mercy. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language, and 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 308

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

Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together

GC 832

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall...
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall...

Text: American folk hymn

Post Communion Meditation Poem

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn: *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*

GC 395

Somebody's knockin' at your door; Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

1. Solo: Knocks like Jesus,
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door;
 Solo: Knocks like Jesus,
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 O sinner, why don't you answer?
 Somebody's knockin' at your door.
2. Solo: Can't you hear him?
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 Solo: Can't you hear him?
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 O sinner...
3. Solo: Jesus calls you,
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 Solo: Jesus calls you,
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 O sinner...
4. Solo: Can't you trust him?
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 Solo: Can't you trust him?
 All: Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 O sinner...

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 February 21, 2023 is [Dateline: Board Nominations | Philly 50th | Jason Steidl Jack Book Chat and more](#)

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to [DignityUSA.org](#) to sign the beloved by God Declaration.

Dignity/New York will be marching at the St. Pat's for All Parade, **Sunday March 5, 2023**, speeches at 12 noon, kickoff at 1 pm. at the corner of 43rd St. & Skillman Ave. and ends at 58th St. & Woodside Ave. People should plan to meet at 12:30 pm (corner of 43rd St. & Skillman Ave.)

The Little Black Book for Lent is available either at the back of the church when you enter or by mail. 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.

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.**
Each Wednesday from February 22, 2023 to April 5, 2023 8:00pm

Taking A Chance On God - February 27, 2023 at Fordham 113 W. 60TH STREET, 12TH FLOOR You must register for this event using the link in the flyer. Discussion with Brendan Fay and Bryan Massingale. [Click here to register](#). **Space is limited so sign up early this week.**

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.

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.

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)

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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.