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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: God of Day and God of Darkness**

GC 761

1. God of day and God of darkness,  
Now we stand before the night;  
As the shadows stretch and deepen,  
Come and make our darkness bright.  
All creation still is groaning  
For the dawning of your might,  
When the Sun of peace and justice  
Fills the earth with radiant light.
2. Still the nations curse the darkness,  
Still the rich oppress the poor;  
Still the earth is bruised and broken  
By the ones who still want more.  
Come and wake us from our sleeping,  
So our hearts cannot ignore  
All your people lost and broken,  
All your children at our door.
3. Show us Christ in one another,  
Make us servants strong and true;  
Give us all your love of justice  
So we do what you would do.  
Let us call all people holy,  
Let us pledge our lives anew,  
Make us one with all the lowly,  
Let us all be one in you.
4. You shall be the path that guides us,  
You the light that in us burns;  
Shining deep within all people,  
Yours the love that we must learn,  
For our hearts shall wander restless  
'Til they safe to you return;  
Finding you in one another,  
We shall all your face discern.
5. Praise to you in day and darkness,  
You our source and you our end;  
Praise to you who love and nurture us  
As a father, mother, friend.  
Grant us all a peaceful resting,  
Let each mind and body mend,  
So we rise refreshed tomorrow,  
Hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1985, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Sign of The Cross & Greeting**

**Penitential Rite**

**Opening Prayer**

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**Reading I**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

**Responsory**

***Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us***

**GC 45**

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

1. Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.

Happy are the people...

2. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.

Happy are the people...

3. Exult, you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous!  
How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!

Happy are the people...

4. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

Happy are the people...

Text: Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 12, 18-19, 20, 22; Marty Haugen, 1987, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Reading II**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10**

**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 17:1-9**

Nick Calamusa

**Homily**

Nick Calamusa

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

Eucharist

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**Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts**

**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

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 will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted  
Bless us, O Lord,  
when we share their sorrow; 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.

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

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 show others mercy, They will know mercy too  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; 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 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.

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 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



**Presider:** He gathered a community around him, close friends with whom he shared all that God made known to him. It was with these closest friends and followers that Jesus shared a final meal.

**ALL:** As we come together in memory of that meal, we pray that God’s Spirit will come upon these gifts, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. We remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus was at table with those he loved. He took bread and 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 294)**

**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."

**The Breaking of Bread**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**GC 308**

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

**Communion Hymn: We Come to Your Feast**

**GC 850**

1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white:  
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;  
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,  
the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture  
lie here before our eyes.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast:  
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.  
We come to your feast, we come to your feast  
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:  
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;  
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,  
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,  
to love in word and deed.

We come to your feast...

3. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:  
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;  
we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,  
his dying and his living, his leading and his giving,  
his love in cup outpoured.

We come to your feast...

4. We gather 'round your table, we pause within our quest,  
we stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger 'guest.'  
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine:  
in blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover  
your substance and your sign.

We come to your feast...



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

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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.)

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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](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

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**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](http://www.dignityusa.org). Each Wednesday from February 22, 2023 to April 5, 2023 8:00pm**

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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.

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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](mailto:treasurer@dignityny.org).

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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.

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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.

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**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

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**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

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**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](mailto:ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org)

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**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.

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

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**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](mailto:Volunteer@dignityny.org)

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](http://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>

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**We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York).** By joining, you increase DignityUSA's voice. <https://www.dignityusa.org/join>

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For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <http://www.dignityny.org/>

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**To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list**, send an e mail [DignityNY@dignityny.org](mailto:DignityNY@dignityny.org), or use the link on our home page.

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**To submit items for consideration for distribution** via our electronic announcements postings, send them to [Announcements@DignityNY.org](mailto:Announcements@DignityNY.org)

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**Steering Committee members:** Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velaquez

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

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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.