



***In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom
Transgender Day of Remembrance Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 17, 2024***

Everyone is welcome to join us in person at St. John's or on Zoom
06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

Link is at the end of the announcements. When you log on for Liturgy, you will be placed in a waiting room, please log on before liturgy and make sure your name is associated at login to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins. We will not admit anyone who has a cryptic identification for the safety of the broadcast.

Zoom Instructions and Preparation

- Before 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, gGay, 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.

WELCOME:

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...

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen...

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Eye has not seen...

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen...

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 16: Keep Me Safe, O God

GC 23

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope; you are my hope, O God.

1. I say to God, 'you are my only God, I have no good except in you.'

Keep me safe, O God...

2. I find in God always my cup of joy; and God will keep my life secure.

Keep me safe, O God...

3. I bless my God: God who has counseled me. At night my heart gives counsel too.

Keep me safe, O God...

4. I keep my God always before my eyes; with God beside me I'm secure.

Keep me safe, O God...

5. And so my heart always is glad in God; my body too shall dwell secure.

Keep me safe, O God...

6. For you will not ever abandon me, or let your servant lose the path.

Keep me safe, O God...

7. The path of life you have revealed to me, and in your presence is my joy.

Keep me safe, O God...

Text: Psalm 16; John Foley, SJ 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans., 1969, ICEL

SCOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia GC 258

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-32 Lewis Speaks-Tanner

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Lewis Speaks-Tanner

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ, hear us.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Within Our Darkest Night GC 644

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.

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Text: Taizé Community, 1991, © 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

*Adapted by Fr. Joseph McOscar, from ICEL, An Original Eucharistic Prayer
Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.*

Presider: Blessed are you Strong and Faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning, your word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your own image humankind, the crown of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we chant the ageless hymn of your glory.

ALL: Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy GC166

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Presider: All Holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world.

ALL: As a loving parent tenderly gathers their children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last forever and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Presider: God most gracious, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us,

ALL: And over our earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved.

He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation: He broke the bread among his disciples 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 disciples 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 our faith.

Memorial Acclamation:

GC 167C

Presider: God most Holy, we commemorate Jesus, Your Beloved One, as we offer this sacrifice.

ALL: Death could not bind Him up, for You raised him up in the Spirit of Holiness and exalted him as the Source of all creation. May the coming again of Christ in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

Presider: Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise, together with our Pope, our bishops, our Dignity leaders and all those who minister among your people, and those whose gifts and vocations are not yet recognized by your Church on earth.

ALL: We pray for ourselves here present and for all whose lives bring hope to this world. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, especially those we remember in our hearts.

Presider: We pray for those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, and with all your Saints.

ALL: Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

*Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours
All-loving (Almighty) God, for ever and ever.*

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen!

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

GC 183

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

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 171

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: Be Not Afraid

GC 608

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

To Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

To Refrain

Text: Isaiah 43:2–3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: Send Down the Fire

GC 466

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements and Acknowledgement

We know that the results of the national election are raising disappointment, anxiety, fear, and even anger for many. We understand. We know that the consolidation of so much political power in one party is causing a great deal of concern. The rampant attempts to invalidate the truths of transgender and nonbinary people are likely to escalate, making safety, employment, access to appropriate medical care, and social support more challenging. There could be rollbacks in the hard-won civil rights for lesbians, gay people, and bisexuals. We have heard concerns about repression of drag shows and even Pride marches. There may be attempts to restrict our ability to parent. People already marginalized in our nation – people of color, immigrants, people with different abilities – may find themselves pushed even further to the edges. None of this is OK.

We want to assure you that DignityUSA’s mission remains the same as it has for over 55 years. We have served our communities through many, many challenging times. We will continue to represent the Catholic values of justice, equality, and full inclusion, in our church and in the larger society. We will continue to raise up your stories and will keep providing affirming Catholic community.

As we move through the days ahead, here are some suggestions we hope will help you move through all that you are feeling:

- **Join with a Dignity community, either in person or online, this weekend and in the weeks ahead.** Pray and share with a safe, supportive group. Check our website [for information on when and how Dignity communities gather](#).
- **Spend time with friends, family, and other supportive people.**
- **Pray, meditate, read or listen to music that connects you with the Divine.**
- **Find ways to get more involved in causes or organizations that are working for things you believe in.**
- **Listen, or re-listen, to [Vice President Kamala Harris’s speech](#) from November 6.**

We also urge you to sign up for our upcoming Membership Meeting, December 7 at 2:00 PM ET/1:00 PM CT/12:00 PM MT/11:00 AM PT/9:00 AM HT. We believe that hearing about our work over the last year and our plans for the months ahead will lift your spirits. You can [register here](#).

As always, please reach out to us with ideas or questions. We continue to work to help bend the arc of the universe towards justice.
In determination and hope,

*Meli Barber, Board President
& the Staff of DignityUSA*

For many, last Tuesday night's election results was devastating (and many other emotions)! Now is the time for self care, develop ways to de-stress and unwind. Come back when you are ready to continue to do the work. Others are hoping that we do not return our activism. If that happens, they win. I cannot accept a surrender, tomorrow is another to continue to fight. Our fight continues as a long term project. The only way to get things done is to gain power to make the choices. We need to figure out how to channel the rage, anger, betrayal etc within us to bring about justice. '

Below is a poem attributed to Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred in San Salvador in 1980, written by Bishop Ken Untener :

It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capability.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

A reminder vfor those who have not completed the survey for receiving a complementary copy of a **Little Blue Book** (Advent/Christmas) **and** indicate liturgy **volunteer** opportunities. We did notice that the survey only allows one selection. You can use the space at bottom of section to indicate other areas listed.

Please complete the survey by ~~Friday, November 15, 2024 at 12 pm~~ **Monday, November 18, 2024** at 11 pm ET so that the books can be ordered. If the books are late, we can make sure you get the pages ahead of time.

[November 2024 Liturgical Survey](#)

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please bring hymn book and any extra papers to the sacristy please exit through the common room.

DignityNY will honor those transgender and gender nonconforming individuals who who lost their lives for who they were as our liturgy for Transgender Day of Remembrance November 17, 2024

December 12, 2024 7 pm Advent Evening Prayer via Zoom - same link as Sunday liturgy

Liturgy Committee meets on the second Monday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. No meeting in August. All are welcome. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. Meeting ID: 952 513 812 Passcode: 998088

We are recruiting a few more people for the Liturgy Committee. The monthly meeting has been the second Monday lasting about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Prior knowledge of liturgy is helpful but not necessary. We would train and/or point you to materials that will help you. Other responsibilities may include certain liturgies have a liturgy committee present to as as a behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom.No meeting in August. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 69737

The Gay Rights Bill digital exhibit has launched on the LaGuardia & Wagner Archives website. 25 people were interviewed for the project, which includes 100+ clips from the oral histories. The exhibit is divided into ten themes and oral histories discussing Dignity's role in the Bill are included in the "Religion" section.

https://www.laguardiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu/EdPrograms/LGBTQ_Exhibits.aspx?Exhibit=1986-Gay-Rights-Bill

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Theatre Outing

Michael LaCarrubba and Richard Ferrara are organizing a theater outing to Communion, a play by Matthew LaBanca at the Cell Theater on West 23 St. Sunday, November 17, 2024, 3:00 pm curtain. See them for details.

Thanksgiving on the Streets in memory of founder Mary Lanning

Greetings, all! It is November, and we have made great progress preparing for Thanksgiving on the Street! For anyone joining us on **Thursday, November 28th, our meal service will begin at 11 am:**

- Core team members will arrive on the street at 8 am.
- Food items to the street between 9 am - 10 am
- Packaging and personalizing give-aways 10 am - 11 am

Please bring food items by **10 am** to allow us to organize them into manageable groupings, including getting them into bags or boxes! We could use volunteers to assist with unloading trucks, setting up the corner, and sorting goods.

If you are arriving at or after 11 am, we could use volunteers to assist with greeting guests, walking guests through the line, and ensuring everyone feels welcome! Please dress accordingly, the weather is frequently cooler than forecasted.

A group of volunteers is needed to staff the hot cider station. This entails keeping the burner running, serving hot cups of seasonal cider, etc. We need at least two adults here, or a group of adult-led teens. Let's chat if you are interested in helping with this task!

Donations are tax deductible, spread the word! Donations can be sent to address below On the memo line please put Thanksgiving on the street. Composition Family Services, Inc; Jessica Dillon, LCSW-R, LICSW; 6 Albright Place; Delmar, NY 12054; (518) 265-5153; jdillonlcswr@gmail.com; fwww.compositionfamily.com

For those who are unable to watch Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke's keynote "Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics" at the Outreach Conference you can click the link below.

[Watch Keynote](#)

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to DignityUSA.org to sign the beloved by God Declaration. Take a moment to look up transgender history, make a donation, honor a transgender person today.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page 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, Eucharistic minister, 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

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.

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

DefendersUSA Leather & Kink caucus, meets the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:30 pm ET. Talk to Lewis Speaks-Tanner or Tom McLoughlin for more details.

For Pride and all year long, take a look at Sean Collins' webpage, [Legends of Pride](#)

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://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership>

For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at

<https://dignityny.org/>

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail dny@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 dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#) ; **Threads:** [dignity_ny](#); **Instagram:** [dignity_ny](#)

And by the way, if you like to plan early, you can now book reservations at the conference hotel! Our special conference rate of \$149/night (plus taxes) for up to four people in a suite is available July 1 – 9, and changes can be made until late June 2025.

Book Now

Look for updates on speakers, pre- and post-conference events, caucus gatherings, and more throughout the Fall. Conference registration will open early in 2025.

We hope you will be part of this exciting community gathering in Dublin, Ohio, July 4-6, 2025, at the Embassy Suites. If you pre-register with a payment of \$100 before the end of November, you will get a discount off the early registration rate!

DignityUSA Conference Committee



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.

The link to join the meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

You will be put into a waiting room. Please join before liturgy begins so that you can participate.

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312 Password: 333 333

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