

In Person Liturgy with Live Broadcast on Zoom Pride Liturgy | Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul | June 28 2025

Everyone is welcome to join us in person at St. John's or on Zoom 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

Link is at the end of the announcements and before the Eucharistic Prayers. 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.

Preparation

- Zoom link is approximately on page 8. After that are the Eucharistic Prayers that DignityNY uses. Feel free to print out once and save it for future weeks. The Eucharistic Prayers are all identified at the top of its first page. (Community, #2, 7, 8, 9 and 10.) The next page will indicate which Eucharistic Prayer we will use for the liturgy.
- Before signing into the Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name, pronouns you use 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 <u>website Liturgy page</u>.
- 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.

Presider: Marta Colomer, Nick Calamusa, Leanne Finamore First Reading: Acts 3:1-10 Second Reading: **Galatians 1:11-20** John 21:15-19 Gospel: **Eucharistic Prayer:** #10 "Healing" (Eucharistic Prayers start on page 10) If printing worship aid, print 1 - 9 and 19 - 20 for today's liturgy. ORDER OF LITURGY WELCOME: GC 744 GATHERING SONG & PROCESSION: Gather Us In Pride Proclamation (Please sing response after each proclamation) ...In the 38th year of our exile from the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, Response: 1. We are a gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x) ...and all gender, gueer and guestioning, Catholics, Christians, and people of God. Response: 2. We are a justice-seeking people, and we are singing, singing for our lives.(2x) ...from near and from far, all united in one belief – in the dignity of all God's children. Response: 3. We are young and old together, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x) ...heal the sick, and care for the homebound and forgotten. Response: 4. We are a land of many colors, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x) ...where all people are included in God's grace and God dwells among us. Response: 5. We are gay and straight together, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)... Tonight is the night, we gathered for the lavender liturgy of Dignity/New York. Response: 6. We are a gentle, loving people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x)

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 66: Let All the Earth

Let all the earth cry out in joy to our God; Let all the earth cry out in joy to our God;!

1. Cry out in joy to our God;, all peoples on earth, sing to the praise of God's name, proclaiming forever, 'tremendous your deeds for us.'

GC 65

Let all the earth cry out...

2. Leading your people safe through fire and water, bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory, your love is eternal.

Let all the earth cry out...

 Hearken to me as I sing my love of our God;, who answers the prayer of my heart. God leads me in safety, from death unto life.

Let all the earth cry out...

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia James Chepponis

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: R/: Guide Us, O God.

PREPARATION SONG: You Are Called to Tell the Story

GC 680

- You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along, Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song. Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.
- You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends, Then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends. Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.
- You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed, Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest, Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.
- 4. May the One whose love is broader

than the measure of all space Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place. Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

PREPARATION PRAYER:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: (Can be found at the end of the worship aid. Eucharistic Prayer number is at the top of the worship aid before the Opening Song).

ALL: Preface Acclamation: Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation:

GC 306

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

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

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Lamb of God GC 171

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

COMMUNION HYMN: Pan de Vida GC 848

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord. At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

1. We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak. We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.

Pan de Vida...

2. Ustedes me llaman 'Señor,' me inclino a lavarles los pies: Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros.

Pan de Vida...

3. There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free: there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.

Pan de Vida...

Text: John 13:1-15, Galatians 3:28-29; Bob Hurd, b.1950, and Pia Moriarty, © 1988, Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty. Published by OCP Publications.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

BLESSING OF THOSE GOING TO THE DIGNITYUSA CONFERENCE, ATTENDING THE WITNESS AND PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: City of God

GC 678

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
 A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
 The people in darkness have seen a great light.
 The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing! For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

 We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. the One who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God...

God is light; in him there is no darkness.
 Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
 O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
 Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God...

4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice.

Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Let us build the city of God...

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

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Announcements and Acknowledgements

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.

Our Pride Liturgy will be on June 28th in St. John's in the Village Church, 218 West 11th St at NEW TIME - 3PM. There are various activities in the evening. Please join us in the garden after the Pride liturgy for a festive empanadas reception with choice of Chicken, beef, vegetable and portobello mushroom options. Also, rice, beans and salads. Sangria, sparkling water and soft drinks. Dessert, of course.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you're coming and if you're bringing guests rsvp@dignityny.org.

Witness at St, Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday, June 29th at 10 am) at the northwest corner of the Cathedral at the corner of Fifth Ave. and East 51st Street. We will be there for one half hour and join everyone at the March on West 29th St. Please see Lewis or email him at dignitynewyork@gmail.com for a spot in the witness.

Pride March, Sunday, June 29th down Fifth Avenue. We are in Section One. Please meet at 10:45 am at northwest corner of West 29th Street and 6th Ave; wristbands will be distributed at that time. **A wristband is required to enter West 29th Street.**

We will enter as a group at 11:00 am.

Reminder – there is still time to register for the DignityUSA conference in Dublin, OH July 4 - 6!!

Conference Website

Annual DignityNY Pride Appeal will be emailed and mailed to members on Thursday, June 19, 2025. If you do not receive a copy, email dignitynewyork@gmail.com and we will send you the appeal. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DignityUSA Elections Results to be announced July 1 & 2 - Votes confirmed by DignityUSA Board prior to conference

Prayers of the Community | Petitions | Prayers of the Faithful

In response to feedback from our community, we are making efforts to streamline certain elements in our liturgy. Beginning Sunday July 13th, our list of the sick, used during the prayers of the community, will be renewed. Any names that you would like to maintain on the prayers for the sick list will need to be readded. If there is someone you would like to add, please email Lewis at prayers@dignityny.org. Moving into the fall, all names will expire after two months. Please re-add people as necessary.

In the same spirit, during the prayer of the faithful, we encourage everyone to try to limit their individually spoken petitions to one per week.

Dignity Pride Donations: We all know how important affirmation and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people are, especially now. This Pride Month, we are excited to thank you for your contribution to DignityUSA with the opportunity to win a prize in the Gift Card Basket Giveaway being held in conjunction with our national conference, July 4-6. You can win even if you won't be at the conference! For every \$5 donated, you will get one entry in the drawings. Every \$20 you donate gets you 5 entries! There will be at least 8 baskets given away, each worth at least \$400 in cash and gift cards to national chains.

Donations must be made by July 2, 2025 to be eligible for the drawings.

All contributions will support the ongoing work of DignityUSA as we work to achieve justice, equality, and full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the Catholic Church and society.

Make your gift now! Donate Now

DignityUSA Conference Livestream

Can't make it to Ohio, but want to be part of our upcoming conference? Significant portions of our conference will be streamed! Register now to receive a link shortly before the conference begins. We request a contribution and have suggested sliding fee options. The schedule for streaming can be accessed by clicking the Register Now button. The room will open about 15 minutes before each session. Streaming participants will be able to send comments via chat and will be sent a PDF of the program and worship guide. Register

Update: Security at the Conference

At its recent meeting, DignityUSA's Board of Directors approved funds to hire private security for our conference. We are currently working with the hotel and security firms familiar with the property to develop the best plan. We believe it is important to do what we can to create a space where all can be protected Please contact **conference2025@dignityusa.org** with any questions or concerns.

DignityUSA is pleased to announce that the 2025 Conference website and registration are now available! Join us July 4 - 6 in Dublin, Ohio.

Conference Website

Ready to register? Go directly to the registration form and reserve your spot today. Register Now For scholarship information, conference merchandise, hotel and travel information, visit dignity2025.org. Questions? Feel free to contact us at conference2025@dignityusa.org.

If this is important to you, you can help sponsor our security efforts and other aspects of our conference. Questions? Feel free to contact us at **conference2025@dignityusa.org**. We hope to see you in Dublin

Singers and Instrumentalists Needed at the Conference

Would you like to join or accompany the choir for the upcoming 2025 DignityUSA conference in Dublin, OH in July? Please email your interest and information about your voice part or play a instrument(s) played, cantor experience, etc. to conference2025@dignityusa.org ASAP. Come play a special part in our Dignity family gathering!!

You can now donate to Dignity New York Inc .through Zelle. Use the Dignity New York Inc with treasurer@dignityny.org as the correct to send donations. Include your name and reasons forthe donation in the email line. Suggestion: to ensure that you set everything up accurately, do a test by sending \$1.00.



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DignityUSA Re-affirms Support for Nonbinary and Transgender People

Within an hour of taking the Oath of Office of President on January 20, President Trump announced he would be signing an executive order making it national policy to recognize only two genders. He fulfilled this promise later the same day. The executive order is sweeping, directing federal agencies to return "biological truth to the federal government," and barring access to facilities like domestic violence shelters, migrant housing, and prisons based on gender identity. It will remove the "X" option for gender on passports and other federal documents.

DignityUSA states, "It is clear that the Administration is using widespread misunderstanding of and disinformation about transgender and nonbinary people to foster division and fear. This is potentially very harmful to many already vulnerable individuals and communities. DignityUSA stands firmly with people of all genders, gender identities, and gender expressions. We welcome you in our worshipping communities, we pledge our support, and we denounce all efforts to deny your realities. We believe that nonbinary and transgender people reflect the amazing, expansive, and humbling creativity of a God of boundless love. We urge all people of goodwill to stand against every attempt to restrict the human rights of gender-diverse people."

There are other articles in this week's DignityUSA Dateline. If you do not receive in your email, signup on DignityUSA website.

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 <u>DignityUSA.org</u> 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.

Liturgy Committee normally meets on the second Monday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. The summer meeting will be July 28, 2025 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 as the behind the scenes person and helping to put together liturgy materials for weekly liturgy in print and online. See Lewis if interested.

The Steering Committee normally meets each month on the second Tuesday. The summer meeting will be on July 17 at 7:30 pm on Zoom Anyone is invited to participate or observe. Steering Committee consists of 2025 Robert Brande, James Osbourn, Jeff Stone 2026:: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Lewis Speaks-Tanner. **Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226; Passcode: 697371**

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 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

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..

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:

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The Eucharistic Prayer - Community

(Based on Eucharistic Prayer II)\
(Preface below is for OrdinaryTime; otherwise it varies)

Presider: All-loving God, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give You thanks through Your beloved son Jesus Christ.

Christ is the Word through whom You made the universe, the Savior You sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake Christ opened his arms on the cross; put an end to death and revealed to us the resurrection. In doing so, Christ fulfilled Your will and has won for You a holy people.

And so, with one voice we proclaim your glory as we sing:

Preface Acclamation: Holy, holy, holy...

God of power and tenderness, we praise you through your Son, 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.

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.

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

While he was at supper on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread into his hands and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. (PAUSE)

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.

Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

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.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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: Holy, holy, holy...

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. t 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: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

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.

ALL: (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God most holy) for ever and ever. Amen.

Adapted from Marianne Duddy-Burke's Prayer for Mary of Magdala liturgy, 2002 Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Presider: It is right that we give you thanks and praise, loving God. You created this world, that you called good, and invited us to become its stewards. Even when we betrayed your trust, you chose to call us back to yourself, over and over again.

ALL: Your Word has been spoken throughout human history through those you called as prophets---some whom we would disregard, but whom you empowered with your passion for our salvation. As we gather around this table, we once again recall your breaking into our world, for our redemption, and your calling forth unlikely prophets to reveal your truth.

Presider: In joyful thanksgiving for your constant, faithful love, we join our voices in an unending hymn of praise:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy...

Presider: In one of your peoples' darkest times, you raised up a light for all to see. While they were persecuted and enslaved by conquerors, you fulfilled a nation's longing for a Messiah who would defeat the powers of oppression. You gave us Jesus, who walked among us, trying to teach us to see as you see, to love as you love, to be as you are.

ALL: Jesus listened to the cries of the people, aching for freedom. He healed those bound by cruel disease. He answered those who were burdened with questions. He challenged those enslaved by the Law to understand its true teaching. He fed those who hungered, and awakened deeper thirsts.

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.t 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: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

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: (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.

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Adapted from ICEL, "Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II" 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, holy...

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: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

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 family and friends 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: (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God Most Holy, forever and ever. Amen.

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

ALL: From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for their children, you would not forget us.

Presider: Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with the saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy...

ALL: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Presider: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

ALL: Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to 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: As supper was ending,

ALL: Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to You, gave it to 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)

ALL: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

Presider: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to You our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. May the Spirit take away all that divides us.

ALL: 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: *(usually sung by all; varies)* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Presider: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, Holy Spirit, who enlivens and inebriates all that exists, we beseech your healing power upon us and upon all we pray for today.

ALL: Down through the ages, you rescue us from darkness. You light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our lost fortunes and you revive our dwindling hope.

Presider: For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to sing our hymn of praise:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy... (varies usually by liturgical season)

Presider: Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind, and spirit, we bring before you the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of your people.

We seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

We ask you to awaken anew in our hearts the empowering grace of your abundant Spirit, who infuses these gifts of bread and wine with the transforming energy of life, to nourish and sustain us in our time of need.

That same bread, Jesus took and broke, to restore the unity of our broken world.

ALL: Jesus blessed you, God of healing and hope, then, along with the cup, Jesus shared the bread with those at table saying:

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

Presider: Then offering the cup of libation, poured out for the liberation of all,

ALL: Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup in a spirit of mutual solidarity saying:

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: In faith and hope we are sustained, In grace our dignity reclaimed, In praise we thank our God.

ALL: Memorial Acclamation (sung) (varies usually by liturgical season)

Presider: As we gather around this Eucharistic table, we recall God's blessing and love from ages past, and we celebrate anew the gift of life which we share among us at this Eucharistic feast.

May the Spirit of life and wholeness, who transforms the gifts we present, transform us, too, that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.

ALL: The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. But that life we often impede by our greed and selfishness, and by our exploitation of other people.

So grant, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, whose abundance is offered to each and to all, until God's reign arrives in the fullness of time.

Presider: This prayer we make in the name of our healing and nurturing God, through, with and in whom we offer these gifts, sources of life, love and goodness, now and forever.

ALL: (usually sung by all; varies) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.