

**Our Language:** Dignity/Boston has intentionally retained the language of the Mass from prior to the most recent revision of the Roman Missal. The Order of Service which we use each week reflects that. To the extent that those who join in worship at our liturgies prefer to use the revised language, please know that you are welcome to do so.

**About Lent at Dignity:** As part of our Sunday liturgies during Lent, there are a few things we would have you note. The Kyrie will be sung. There will be a period of extended silence following the homily. Also, there will be a sheet with suggested text to recite the Confiteor. In addition, we request no applause after the Song of Sending Forth, and that people leave the church quietly at the end to enable others to remain and pray.

**Healing and Anointing During Lent:** During this Lenten season there will be two opportunities for healing/anointing. In addition to the usual third Sunday in March (3/15), within the 3/29 liturgy, we will have a blessing of oils ritual (in which the oil/balm to be used in the coming year will be blessed by the community). Please note that whenever anointing is offered, we will have an abbreviated Prayers of the Community as well.

**Latest Breath of the Spirit:** You can find the latest 3/1 edition of the Breath of the Spirit on the DignityUSA website at [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org). This is our electronic spiritual and liturgical resource for our members and potential members. Nothing can replace your chapter or other faith community but we hope you will find further support here for integrating your spirituality with your sexuality and all the strands of your life.

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The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at [www.dignityboston.org](http://www.dignityboston.org). To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Mary Beth Cummings, email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com), or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at [houlivan@gmail.com](mailto:houlivan@gmail.com). The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m.



# Dignity/Boston

*gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics & allies*

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## March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent

**First Reading**  
**Genesis:** 2:7-9, 3:1-7

**Second Reading**  
**Romans:** 5:12-19

**Gospel**  
**Matthew:** 4:1-11



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*"The desert is a natural extension of the inner silence of the body".*

*--Jean Baudrillard*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Led by the Spirit (sheet)

**Psalms:** Be Merciful, O Lord (56—Psalm 51)

**Preparation:** Do Not Fear to Hope (596)

**Communion:** On Eagle's Wings (611)

**Sending Forth:** Return to God (389)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers. Samples of our music can be found on the Dignity/Boston website.*

## Our Readings

We hear today the familiar narrative that traces the origin of sin back to the origin of humanity, namely, the sin of desiring to be God (First Reading). Jesus faces the same struggle, but turns his back on the lure of power and influence, choosing the divine call to loving servanthood (Gospel). Drawing a parallel between the first offense (disobedience) and the sacrifice of Christ (total obedience), St. Paul exhorts his friends to never despair over human weakness and failure, but to realize the overflowing grace that is ours in Christ (Second Reading).

## Our Liturgy

*The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well.*

*Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag. During our liturgy each Sunday, we ask you to please silence your cell phone.*

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## Our Announcements

**Farewell Dinner for Gene and Leslie:** Please join us on Sunday, 3/15 for Gene Clegg's last liturgy as a presider before he and his husband, Leslie, move to Florida. And then, immediately after please join us for a celebratory catered dinner in the church hall. Please RSVP at church to Jon S. on Sunday, 3/1 or Peggy H. on Sunday, 3/8. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available, and a basket will be provided to collect cards for Gene and Leslie.

**Last Sunday's Second Collection:** Last week's Second Collection for Bush Heritage Australia raised \$444 for this non-profit organization. Thank you for your generosity!

**Request Summary:** If you would like a summary of proposals suggested during our community's conversation on aging, please contact Jon S. for paper or electronic copy.

**Dues Increase:** Due to the increase of costs for the daily operation of DignityUSA, our membership dues will be increasing on 4/1. The cost will be \$60 for an individual and \$120 for a couple. You can still pay the \$50 individual, \$100 couple cost until 3/31.

**Lazarus Ministry:** For Easter, Dignity/Boston will again be collecting money to be donated to the Lazarus Ministry at the Arch Street Shrine. This Ministry offers its services free of charge, including its facilities, Mass of Christian Burial, and grave space for those who would otherwise be buried in a pauper's grave. It also pays for the cost of opening and closing the grave before and after the burial, and a modest grave marker. Other services may include clothing for the deceased, flowers and continued prayers. You may also give the money in honor of loved ones who have died. Their names will be listed in the Bulletin. See Bert or a board member to donate or for more information.

**A Thought for Lenten Prayer:** Have you ever thought that maybe you would like to do liturgical dance for one of our Dignity/Boston psalms, especially for Lent and or Holy Week? Maybe that could be your Lenten prayer goal. Please see Kathy Ann for more details about this.