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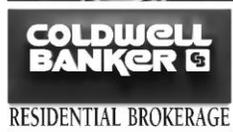
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**December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve**

First Reading

Micah: 5:1-4

Second Reading

Hebrews: 10:5-10

Gospel

Luke: 1:39-45

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and
behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."*

--Norman Vincent Peale



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Dignity Announcements

Note: The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Please turn off cell phones during liturgy. 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 Order of Service and 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.

Presider(s): April and Philip

Gathering: Christ Circle Round Us (sheet)

Psalm: Lord Make Us Turn to You (75—Psalm 80)

Preparation: God of All People (331)

Communion: Night of Silence (342)

Communion Continued: Silent Night (352)

Sending Forth: Awake, Awake (346)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Musical Prelude: Throughout the Advent and Christmas Season, members of the Music Ministry will offer a musical prelude prior to the start of our liturgies. A chime will sound to signal the start of the prelude, followed by a greeting from a member of the Board. The liturgy will then start as usual.

Christmas Eve Alternative: St. Stephen's welcomes Dignity/Boston to join their Christmas Eve celebration with a family service at 5:00, potluck dinner at 5:30, and a Christmas pageant, service, and activities for youth at 7:00.

Dignity/NH Liturgy: The next liturgy of Dignity/NH will be held in the UU Church of Nashua's Chapel at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, 1/6. All are welcome to attend. For your GPS or app, the address is 58 Lowell St. in Nashua.

First Event: Dignity/Boston will once again be registering at First Event. First Event is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them. The event runs from 1/30 to 2/3 at the Best Western Royal Plaza hotel in Marlborough. More details soon!

50th Anniversary Conference: Please join us for our DignityUSA 2019 50th Anniversary in Chicago from Friday, 7/5 to Sunday, 7/7. If you haven't already pre-registered, regular registration information will be available in early 2019.

2019 Executive Board: In just nine days we welcome in our new 2019 Dignity/Boston Executive Board: April Cummings, Mary Beth Cummings, Chris Lawrence, Bert Ouellette, Abdel Sepulveda, Julia Spiegelman, and Michael Sullivan. We look forward to all that they accomplish, in God's name, during the new year! Congratulations to all!

Jubilee Discussions: During the fall of 2017 and early winter of 2018, Dignity members and communities around the country were invited to engage in three reflective conversations as part of the Jubilee period leading to DignityUSA's 50th Anniversary in 2019. Summaries of each phase, some with a summary prepared by President Christopher Pett, are now available on the DignityUSA web site. These Sacred Texts reflect how current members of our communities tell our stories. We invite your response. Please email any thoughts you'd like to share to execdir@dignityusa.org.

Advertising Blocks: Please note there are two advertising blocks available on the back of our Bulletin. What a great way to start the new year by advertising your business in the Dignity/Boston Bulletin! Please contact a member of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board to find out about our reasonable costs.

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, especially 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. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email dignityinfo@dignityboston.org, or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at houlivan@gmail.com. The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.