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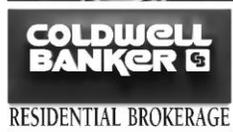
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January 13, 2019 The Baptism of Jesus

First Reading

Isaiah: 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading

Acts: 10:34-38

Gospel

Luke: 3:15-16, 22-23

*"God brings people into deep waters, not to drown them,
but to cleanse them."*

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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): Marcia and Mark

Prelude: He Came Down (370)

Gathering: River of Glory (sheet)

Psalm: With Joy You Shall Draw Water (Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 6) (148)

Preparation: You Have Anointed Me (676)

Communion: Christ Be Our Light (sheet)

Sending Forth: Let Justice Roll Like A River (716)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is tonight following our service. All are welcome to attend.

Second Collection: Next Sunday's (1/19) Second Collection will benefit Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. Boston Healthcare for the Homeless's mission is to "assure access to the highest quality health care for all homeless men, women and children in the greater Boston area." They believe that access to health care and medicine is crucial for Boston's homeless population and partner with shelters in the area. In addition to immediate support, they also provide vulnerable patients with help managing chronic diseases. If you write a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. Dignity will then write one larger check to the association. Thank you for your generosity.

Christian Unity Sunday: This year Dignity/Boston welcomes Rev. Louis Mitchell to our Christian Unity Sunday service on Sunday, 1/27 as our homilist. Rev. Mitchell is a pioneering "intentional man," is known as an elder, advocate, teacher, student, and minister, and has received numerous awards for his work in spirituality and advocacy.

He is the Co-founder and Executive Director of TransFaith, a national non-profit led by transgender people. TransFaith is a multi-tradition, multi-racial, multi-gender organization working to support transgender spiritual/cultural workers and their leadership in community. Rev. Mitchell spoke at the DignityUSA conference in Boston in 2017.

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 is in its 39th year and is hosted by Trans Club of New England (TCNE). It runs from 1/30 to 2/3 at the Best Western Royal Plaza hotel in Marlborough.

The Dignity/Boston Difference: If you've attended an institutional Roman Catholic service in the past, you'll notice some difference here at Dignity/Boston. We use inclusive language. In addition to ordained presiders, lay community members frequently preside and preach. You'll notice that at Easter, Pentecost, Pride, and other major feasts, there is co-presiding by both lay and ordained leaders. Movement through liturgical dance is a part of many of our liturgies. We also infuse our liturgies with theology of lived experiences as LGBTQI persons. We are in partnership with other LGBTQI people of faith through the Boston, and recently North Shore, Pride Interfaith Services. We also collect funds monthly in our community to support diverse causes, such as supporting refugees/migrants, urban anti-violence efforts, transgender rights and protections, health for homeless individuals, and more. That's the Dignity/Boston difference!

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 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. 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.