

**Adjustments During Liturgy:** To minimize exposure of colds and flu at Dignity/Boston during liturgy, distribution of the Blood of Christ via the shared cup will be suspended until flu season passes. Also, a verbal greeting is acceptable during the Sign of Peace if you prefer to not shake hands or hug, as is not holding hands during the reciting of the Lord's Prayer.

**Liturgical Dance:** Have you ever thought that you would like to do liturgical dance for one of our psalms, perhaps during Lent and/or Holy Week? Could that be your Lenten prayer goal? Please see K.A.

**Statement of Position and Purpose:** Here is the Statement of Position and Purpose from DignityUSA: "We believe that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics in our diversity are members of Christ's mystical body, numbered among the People of God. We have an inherent dignity because God created us, Christ died for us, and the Holy Spirit sanctified us in Baptism, making us temples of the Spirit, and channels through which God's love becomes visible. Because of this, it is our right, our privilege, and our duty to live the sacramental life of the Church, so that we might become more powerful instruments of God's love working among all people." For more information, please see the DignityUSA website.

**Dignity's Relationship with CITI Ministries:** For the past 20 years, several Dignity Chapters have enjoyed a relationship with CITI Ministries (CITI stands for Celibacy is the Issue), providing married or resigned priests to serve as presiders. CITI priests serve (or have served) in Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, Pittsburgh, and various Pennsylvania Chapters.

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.



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

## March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent

**First Reading**  
**Genesis:** 12:1-4

**Second Reading**  
**Second Timothy:** 1:8-10

**Gospel**  
**Matthew:** 17:1-9



*"Only the oppressed can receive liberating visions in wretched places."*

*--James H. Cone*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Tree of Life (397)

**Psalms:** Let Your Mercy Be On Us (45—Psalm 33)

**Preparation:** Hosea (386)

**Communion:** Ubi Caritas (sheet)

**Sending Forth:** The People of God (653)

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

## Our Readings

Jesus moves from the desert (last Sunday) to the mountaintop to be transfigured in radiant glory (Gospel), offering a glimpse of Easter and of our own lifelong transformation through baptismal grace, calling forth from us deep trust in God's promise. Such was the response of Sarah and Abraham, who without question leave behind all that is familiar and go as God beckons (First Reading). The ultimate fulfillment of divine purpose and grace is in the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus, in whom lies our true destiny (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:** Join us next Sunday (3/15) for Gene Clegg's last liturgy as a presider before he and his husband, Leslie, move to Florida. After please join us for a celebratory catered dinner in the church hall. Please RSVP at church to Peggy H. tonight. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available. A basket will be provided to collect cards for Gene and Leslie.

**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:** Dignity/Boston will again be collecting money to be donated to the Lazarus Ministry at the Arch Street Shrine for Easter. 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.

**About Lent at Dignity:** As part of our Sunday liturgies during Lent, there are a few things to note. The Kyrie will be sung. There will be a period of extended silence following the homily. 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.