

*Homily*

In June of 1969 a bunch of queers, fags, and drag queens threw lipstick at the New York City police and unwittingly started a revolution. The cascading waves from that event have spread across the globe over the years, reverberating through the soul of each person gathered here. It is a revolution unlike any that has been seen before. It is a revolution made up of you and me. In this revolution, a person is not judged based on their sex or gender. In this revolution, a person is not judged by whom they love, live with, marry or care for. In this revolution, a person is not judged because of who they have sex with, where they live or what they wear. In this revolution, a person is judged based upon the content of their character and the audacity of their dreams. And, so we are here tonight to celebrate. We celebrate a revolution that is grounded in the freedom of love, the freedom to love, and the freedom to be loved. We celebrate a revolution that is giving hope, light, and love to many who have lived in despair, darkness, and hatred. We celebrate a revolution that is built on those ancient and hallowed words, believing as all those great men and women before us have believed, that all people are created equal. And, finally, we celebrate in the hope that tomorrow will be a better day; that discrimination and prejudice will come to an end; and that all people, everywhere, may one day be one family, brothers and sisters standing together in the light of Peace.

So, please, join hands together (with your neighbor, your brother, your sister, your lover, your partner, and your friend) or raise them up to the heavens, as I offer this blessing.

*Prayer*

Wondrous Light of Love, look with favor upon this Earth our island home, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon everyone gathered here tonight and across this country in celebration. Lead us into all peace. Bless us in our work and in our companionships, marriages and partnerships; in our sleeping and in our waking; in our joys and in our sorrows. May your love fill us and so shine through us before all peoples that it reminds them of the beautiful treasures of humanity. Amen.