

INTERFAITH

*Celebration of
Creation*

SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019



WASHINGTON
NATIONAL
CATHEDRAL

The people's responses are in bold.

DRUM CIRCLE & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All Nations Intertribal

N. Renshaw (Oglala Lakota), Uptown Boyz

Lakota Oyate kin cokata u we, Na olawan wachi yelo

English Everyone come to the center and dance to the song.

Land and Traditional Indigenous Inhabitants Acknowledgement

Mary Phillips (Laguna Pueblo/Omaha)

OPENING WELCOME

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

GATHERING

Brave Heart, Unci Song

performed by Uptown Boyz

Traditional

OPENING INVOCATIONS—HONORING CREATION FROM THREE TRADITIONS

Christian Prayer

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith and The Reverend Melanie Mullen

Good God, Creator of the world, draw us into prayer and celebration as we gather to remember the gifts of your earth and the stewardship you have entrusted to us as tillers and tenders in your image.

We know that in the gathering of the people, power is present among us; your Holy Spirit stirs and moves and gives us courage to remember that all good gifts come first from you.

We praise you for this creation in the words of the Psalmist, sung by our ancestors in faith for generations:

“God speaks: the heavens are made;

God breathes: the stars shine.

God bottles the waters of the sea

and stores them in the deep

All earth, be astounded,

stand in awe of God.”

Keep us faithful to this gathering in faith and “bless this vine your right hand has planted.”

Now and forever, **Amen.**

Hindu Prayer

Sankar Sitaraman

ओ३म् सगच्छध्वं संवदध्वं सं वो मनांसि जानताम्।
देवा भागं यथा पूर्वे संजानाना उपासते॥

ऋग्वेद 10/191/2

ओ३म् द्यौः शान्तिरन्तरिक्षंॐ शान्तिः पृथिवी शान्तिरापः शान्तिरोषधयः शान्तिः।

वनस्पतयः शान्तिर्विश्वेदेवाः शान्तिर्ब्रह्म शान्तिः सर्वंॐ शान्तिः शान्तिरेव शान्तिः सा मा शान्तिरेधि॥

यजुर्वेद 36/17

असतो मा सद्गमय । तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय। मृत्योर्माऽमृतं गमय॥

बृहदारण्यक उपनिषद् 1/3/28

O mankind! May you lead on to a common goal, may your speech be cordial, and may your minds and thoughts be in harmony with each other. May your prayers also be universal like those of the enlightened.

Rig Veda 10/191/2

May peace radiate there in the whole sky as well as in the vast spaces of the universe. May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in all herbs, trees and plants. May peace flow over the whole universe. May peace be in the Supreme Being. And may there always exist in all peace and peace alone. Peace, peace and peace to us and all beings!

Yajurveda 36/17

O God, lead us from untruth to truth. Lead us from darkness to light. Lead us from death to immortality.

Brihad Aaranyaka Upanishad 1/3/28

Sikh Prayer

Dr. Rajwant Singh

“The Creator created himself...
And created all creation in which he is manifest.
You Yourself the bumble-bee, flower, fruit and the tree.
You Yourself the water, desert, ocean and the pond.
You Yourself are the big fish, tortoise and the Cause of causes.
Your form can not be known”

“Men, trees, pilgrimage places, banks of sacred streams, clouds, fields.
Islands, spheres, universes, continents, solar systems.
The sources of creation, egg-born, womb-born, earth-born,
sweat-born, oceans, mountains and sentient beings.
He, the Lord, knows their condition, O Nanak.

Nanak, having created beings, the lord takes care of them all.
The creator who created the world, He takes thought of it as well.”

Guru Granth Sahib page 1016

“Creating the world, God has made it a place to practice spirituality”

Guru Granth Sahib, page 1035

SONG

Stand by me

performed by ADAMS BEAT

Ben E. King

OPENING SENTENCES

Leaders Come, let us dwell in the shelter of our Creator.
Let us dwell in the Divine’s work of art.
Come, because the Earth is the Lord’s, and Earth is our home.

People **We live in the world of our Creator and we are not alone.**
We share this life with the heavens and the earth,
With the waters and the land,
With trees and grasses,
With fish, birds, and animals,
With minerals and creatures of every form,
And with all our brothers and sisters.

Leaders Enter into these gates with thanksgiving and into these courts with praise.
For our Creator is good, eternal and faithful forever.

Hindu

Excerpted from *Purusha Suktha, Hymn 10.90, Rig Veda*

Read by Sankar Sitaraman

स॒हस्र॑शी॒र्षा पु॑रु॒षः । स॒हस्रा॑क्षः स॒हस्र॑पात् ।
स भूमि॑ वि॒श्वतो॑ वृ॒त्वा । अत्य॑तिष्ठद्दशांगुलम् ॥

पुरु॑ष ऐ॒वेद॑गं सर्व॑म् । यद्भू॒तं यच्च॑ भव्य॑म् ।
उ॒तामृ॑त॒त्व स्येशा॑नः । य॒दन्ने॑नाति॒रोह॑ति ॥

ऐ॒तावा॑नस्य महि॒मा । अतो॑ ज्यायाग्श्च॒ पूरु॑षः ।
पादो॒॑स्य वि॒श्वा भू॒तानि॑ । त्रि॒पाद॑स्या॒मृत॑ दि॒वि ॥

त्रि॒पादूर्ध्व॑ उ॒द्वैत्पु॑रु॒षः । पादो॒॑स्येहा॒॑ भवा॑त्पुनः ।
ततो॑ वि॒ष्वण्-व्य॑क्रामत् । सा॒श॒ना॒न॒शने॑ अ॒भि ॥

तस्मो॑द्वि॒राड॑जायत । वि॒राजो॑ अधि॒ पूरु॑षः ।
स जा॒तो अत्य॑रिच्यत । प॒श्चाद्-भूमि॑मथो॒ पुरः ॥

The Omnipresent One has countless heads, eyes, and limbs
He stands in all His majesty pervading the entire Universe and beyond.
All that is past, present and future is His manifestation.
He is the Lord of the immortal state because He is beyond the material world.
The entire Universe is a manifestation of His splendor
But His glory is more than all this.
And all that we see in this universe is but a fourth of this being,
Three fourths of His splendor is in the realms of immortality
And beyond comprehension.
But the quarter, which is in this world,
Appears again and again,
And from that is born the sentient beings
And the insentient beings.
And all these appeared for every one of us to see.
From Him was born the entire cosmos
And from that was born Brahma,
Who pervaded the universe,
Created the earth
And the bodies of all beings.

Buddhist

Verses for Environmental Practice by Robert Aitken Roshi

Read by Kristin Barker

Waking up in the morning
I vow with all beings
to be ready for sparks of the Dharma
from flowers or children or birds.

Sitting alone in zazen
I vow with all beings
to remember I'm sitting together
with mountains, children, and bears.

Looking up at the sky
I vow with all beings
to remember this infinite ceiling
in every room of my life.

When I stroll around in the city
I vow with all beings
to notice how lichen and grasses
never give up in despair.

Watching a spider at work
I vow with all beings
to cherish the web of the universe:
touch one point and everything moves.

Preparing the garden for seeds
I vow with all beings
to nurture the soil to be fertile
each spring for the next thousand years.

When people praise me for something
I vow with all beings
to return to my vegetable garden
and give credit where credit is due.

With tropical forests in danger
I vow with all beings
to raise hell with the people responsible
and slash my consumption of trees.

With resources scarcer and scarcer
I vow with all beings
to consider the law of proportion:
my have is another's have-not.

Watching gardeners label their plants
I vow with all beings
to practice the old horticulture
and let plants identify me.

Hearing the crickets at night
I vow with all beings
to keep my practice as simple—
just over and over again.

Falling asleep at last
I vow with all beings
to enjoy the dark and the silence
and rest in the vast unknown.

RESPONSORIAL SONG

Cantor introduces the refrain; then all repeat.

Refrain

Praise_ God! All peo-ple on earth. Sing__ praise, ex - alt God's name for ev - er.

Praise_ God for moun tains and hills: Sing__ praise, ex - alt God's name for ev - er.
Praise_ God for seas and rivers:
Praise_ God for birds of the air:
Praise_ God for beasts and cattle:
Praise_ God all peo - ple on earth:

The people repeat the refrain.

Jewish

Hebrew Bible, Genesis 28:10-17

Read by Joelle Novey

Yaakov left Beer-sheva, and set out for Haran.

He came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night, for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. He had a dream; a ladder was set on the ground and its top reached to the sky, and angels of God were going up and down on it.

And Adonai was standing beside him and He said, "I am Adonai, the God of your father Avraham and the God of Yitzchak; the ground on which you are lying I will assign to you and to your offspring.

Your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants.

Remember, I am with you: I will protect you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

For the beauty of the earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

(Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1835-1917)

Muslim

Qur'an Chapter 16:2-18

Recited by Rayyan Syed

With Allah's Name, The Merciful Benefactor, The Merciful Redeemer

He doth send down His angels with inspiration of His Command, to such of His servants as He pleaseth, (saying): "Warn (Man) that there is no god but I: so do your duty unto Me." He has created the heavens and the earth for just ends: far is He above having the partners they ascribe to Him! He has created man from a sperm-drop; and behold this same (man) becomes an open disputer! And cattle He has created for you (men): from them ye derive warmth, and numerous benefits, and of their (meat) ye eat. And ye have a sense of pride and beauty in them as ye drive them home in the evening, and as ye lead them forth to pasture in the morning. And they carry your heavy loads to lands that ye could not (otherwise) reach except with souls distressed: for your Lord is indeed Most Kind, Most Merciful. And (He has created) horses, mules, and donkeys, for you to ride and use for show; and He has created (other) things of what ye have no knowledge. And unto Allah leads straight the Way, but there are ways that turn aside: if Allah had willed, He could have guided all of you. It is He Who sends down rain from the sky: from it ye drink, and out of it (grows) the vegetation on which ye feed your cattle. With it He produces for you corn, olives, date-palms, grapes, and every kind of fruit: verily in this is a Sign for those who give thought. He has made subject to you the Night and the Day; the Sun and the Moon; and the Stars are in subjection by His Command: verily in this are Signs for men who are wise. And the things on this earth which He has multiplied in varying colours (and qualities): verily in this is a Sign for men who celebrate the praises of Allah (in gratitude). It is He Who has made the sea subject, that ye may eat thereof flesh that is fresh and tender, and that ye may extract therefrom ornaments to wear; and thou seest the ships therein that plough the waves, that ye may seek (thus) of the bounty of Allah and that ye may be grateful. And He has set up on the earth mountains standing firm, lest it should shake with you; and rivers and roads; that ye may guide yourselves; And marks and signposts; and by the stars (men) guide themselves. Is then He Who creates like one that creates not? Will ye not receive admonition? If ye would count up the favors of Allah, never would ye be able to number them: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

SPOKEN REFLECTION

Imam Talib Shareef

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Kristin Barker

SONG

Count on me

performed by ADAMS BEAT

Bruno Mars

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer of Healing, U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program

Leader We join with the earth and with each other.
 To bring new life to the land
 To restore the waters
 To refresh the air

People **We join with the earth and with each other.**

Leader To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures

People **We join with the earth and with each other.**

Leader To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars

People **We join with the earth and with each other.**

Leader To recall our destiny
To renew our spirits
To reinvigorate our bodies

People **We join with the earth and with each other.**

All **To create the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children
We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing
of the earth and the renewal of all life.**

BLESSING

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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RECESSIONAL

Traveling Song performed by *Uptown Boyz* Traditional Ojibway
Ojibway Kiin-osha Anishaa-wenji Bimooseyaan
English You (The Creator) are the reason I am walking.

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UPTOWN BOYZ

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