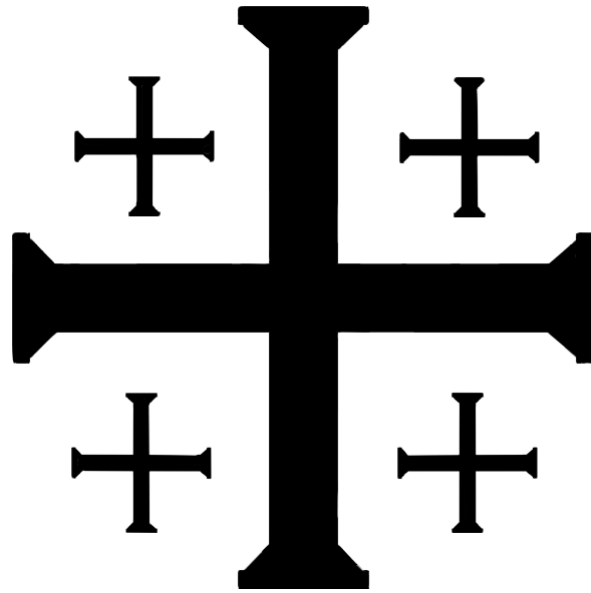




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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND NINE

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL
IN THE CITY & EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

CARILLON PRELUDE

Edward M. Nassor
Carillonneur, Washington National Cathedral

<i>Washington's March No. 1</i>	Anonymous American, arr. Frank P. Law
<i>The President's March</i>	Philip Phile (c. 1734–1793); arr. Milford Myhre
<i>Washington's March No. 3</i>	Anonymous American; arr. William De Turk
<i>National Hymn</i>	George William Warren (1828–1902); arr. Edward M. Nassor
<i>Mine eyes have seen the glory</i>	Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910); arr. Leen 't Hart
<i>Passacaglia on Amazing Grace</i>	Loyd Lott (b. 1944)
<i>America the Beautiful</i>	Samuel Augustus Ward (1848–1903); arr. Milford Myhre

ORGAN PRELUDE

Christopher Jacobson
Assistant Organist, Washington National Cathedral

<i>Fanfare</i>	Alec Wyton (1921–2007)
<i>Sonata for Organ</i>	Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)
<i>Andante serioso, ma con moto</i>	
<i>Allegro giocoso</i>	
<i>Maestoso</i>	
<i>Praeludium et Fuga in e, BWV 548</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
<i>Marche Heroïque</i>	Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)
<i>Cathédrales, Op. 55, No. 3</i>	Louis Vierne (1870–1937)
<i>Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6</i>	L. Vierne

BRASS PRELUDE

*The Brass Ensemble of The United States Marine Band
Colonel Michael J. Colburn, Director*

<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i>	Aaron Copland (1900–1990)
<i>“Terra Beata” (Variations for Brass and Percussion)</i>	James Curnow (b. 1943)
<i>Canzon noni toni, a 8 from Sacrae symphoniae</i>	Giovanni Gabrieli (1554–1612)
<i>“Hymns” from Fanfares, Marches, Hymns & Finale (2002)</i>	Bruce Broughton (b. 1945)
<i>“A Hero’s Destiny”</i>	Brian Balmages (b. 1975)

CHORAL PRELUDE

*Washington Performing Arts Society
Children of the Gospel Choir
Stanley Thurston, Artistic Director
Brandon Felder, pianist
Diedre Neal, choreographer
Richard Slye, percussionist*

<i>The best is yet to come</i>	Donald Lawrence
<i>A brand new day</i>	Luther Vandross (1951–2005)
<i>Great day</i>	arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)
<i>He’s got the whole world in his hands</i>	arr. Stanley Thurston (b. 1958)

INTROIT

<i>My house shall be called a house of prayer</i>	Douglas Major (b. 1953)
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*The Cathedral Choir
Michael McCarthy, Director of Music
Washington National Cathedral*

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. Alleluia.
The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former,
saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace.
My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.
Alleluia.

Isaiah 56:7, Haggai 2:9

The people stand at the procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy, holy, holy!

Nicaea

Sung by all.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WELCOME

*The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III
Dean, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, District of Columbia*

INVOCATION

*The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
Bishop of Washington, Washington, District of Columbia*

The people read the responses printed in bold.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
Day by day we bless you;
We praise your name for ever.
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER

*The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

National Anthem

Sung by all.

O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
 what so proud - ly we hail'd at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
 whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,
 o'er the ram - parts we watch'd, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
 And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
 gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 O say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
 o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:6–12

*The Reverend Dr. Cynthia L. Hale
Senior Pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Decatur, Georgia*

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd will supply my need

arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

The Cathedral Choir

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

Paraphrase of Psalm 23

The people stand.

A PRAYER FOR CIVIL RULERS

*The Reverend Andy Stanley
Founding Pastor, North Point Community Church, Alpharetta, Georgia*

Gracious God, whose glory is in all the world:
We commend this nation to your merciful care that, being guided by your Providence,
we may dwell secure in your peace.

Grant to Barack Obama, President of the United States,
and to all in authority, your grace and good will.

Bless them with your heavenly gifts.
Give them wisdom and strength to know and do your will.

Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness,
and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve the people of this land in honor of you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Drawn in part from George Washington's Inaugural Prayer Service
April 30, 1789*

The people are seated.

PSALM 121

*Rabbi David N. Saperstein
Director and Counsel, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Washington, District of Columbia*

The psalm is said responsively. The people read the verses printed in bold.

אֲשָׂא עֵינַי אֶל-הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יבֵּא עֲזָרִי

I lift up my eyes to the mountains
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from God,
maker of heaven and earth.**

The Holy One will not let your foot slip.
Your guardian will not slumber.

**See, the guardian of Israel
does not doze or sleep.**

God is your guard.
God is your shade at your right hand.

**By day the sun does not strike you
nor the moon by night.**

God guards you from all harm.
God guards your life.

**The Holy One guards your going and your coming
now and forever.**

The people stand.

HYMN

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Sung by all.

Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -

give; where there is strife, may we make one.
light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.

The people are seated.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9–13, 18

*Most Reverend Francisco González, S.F.
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Washington, District of Columbia*

Let love be genuine; avoid what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people; extend hospitality to strangers. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He's got the whole world in his hands

arr. Stanley Thurston

*Washington Performing Arts Society
Children of the Gospel Choir
Annisie Murillo, soloist*

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the young and the old in his hands.
He's got the rich and the poor right in his hands.
He's got the sun and the moon in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the earth and the sky right in his hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.
He's got everybody in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

The people sing.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

THIRD READING

Matthew 22:36–40

*His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America
Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness

Faithfulness

Sung by all.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

*The Reverend Dr. Sharon E. Watkins
General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada*

ANTHEM

Amazing grace!

New Britain

*Dr. Wintley Phipps
President of U.S. Dream Academy, Columbia, Maryland*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Hallelujah. Amen.

The people stand.

THE PRAYERS

Following each petition, the people make the response printed in bold.

*Dr. Ingrid Mattson
President, Islamic Society of North America
and Director of Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary*

On this day of new beginnings, with hearts lifted high in hope, may we be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations. We pray to you, O God, saying

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Rabbi, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, New York, New York*

May the President, Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, Governors of States and Territories, Mayors of Cities, and all in administrative authority who are empowered by our sacred trust lead this nation with wisdom and grace as they seek to serve the common good.

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*The Reverend Jim Wallis
President and Chief Executive Officer, Sojourners, Washington, District of Columbia*

May the Senators, members of the House of Representatives and all those whom we entrust to make our laws be filled with the courage and foresight to provide for the needs of our people, to care for our natural resources, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Dr. Uma Mysorekar
Hindu Temple Society of North America, Queens, New York*

May the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges and Officers of all our Courts be moved by the passion of true justice that they render judgment with insight and integrity, that human rights may be secured, and that liberty may flourish.

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*The Reverend Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook
Senior Pastor, Believers Christian Fellowship Church, New York, New York*

May the members of the Armed Forces, those who work to end strife on streets of violence and fields of war, and all who serve in harm's way know the calm of your abiding presence and be guided in the way of your peace.

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein
Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, New York, New York*

May those who are hungry or homeless, sick or suffering, and all those beset by economic insecurity receive the solace of your comfort. Stir us to order our social and economic lives that all who live in need may find refuge and relief.

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*The Reverend Canon Carol L. Wade
Precentor, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, District of Columbia*

Grant us, the people of this country, gathered from all races, creeds, and cultures, the courage to embrace our wondrous diversity. May our prideful divisions cease that together we may live in harmony as one family under God.

Keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*The Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell
Senior Pastor, Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas*

Grant us the wisdom and will to learn from those who have paved the path of our nation's history. Give us patience and endurance in these extraordinary times that we may build with steadfast labor upon the foundation laid for us in every generation. Make us a testament for good that we may be a beacon for liberty and a source of light in the world.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

*Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, S.T.D.
Archbishop of Washington, Washington, District of Columbia*

Almighty God, who has entrusted us with the care of this great land:
We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves
a people worthy of this trust and pleased to do your will.

Bless our nation with honorable industry, sound learning, and mutual respect.
Save us from violence, discord, and confusion,
from arrogance and greed, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people
the multitudes brought from all the corners of the earth.

Bestow the spirit of wisdom on those to whom we grant the authority of government,
that there may be justice and peace at home.
Through obedience to your law,
may we show forth your glory among the nations of the world.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness,
and in the day of trouble, strengthen our trust in you;
all this we ask in your holy Name.
Amen.

HYMN

*America the Beautiful**Materna; arr. Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)**The Cathedral Choir*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

Sung by all.

O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

CLOSING PRAYER

*The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church*

On this radiant day we give thanks to you, O God,
for the freedom to gather united in prayer.

Strengthen and sustain Barack, our President,
that in the days to come he may lead your people
with confidence and compassion.

Grant patience and perseverance to the people of this Nation.
With malice toward none, with charity for all,
may we strive to finish the work you have given us to do
that we may achieve a just and lasting peace.

In this time of new beginnings, new ventures, and new visions,
light in us the fire of justice, and the passion for forgiveness.
Give us the strength to hold fast to what is good
that we may go forth renewed and committed to make hope a reality.
Amen.

*Drawn in part from Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address
March 4, 1865*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Reverend Wesley Granberg-Michaelson
General Secretary, Reformed Church in America*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

For the healing of the nations

Cwm Rhondda

Sung by all.



For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with one ac - cord;
Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your world re - lease,
All that spoils a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the earth be banned;
You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;



for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;
that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
pride of sta - tus, self, or cus - tom, pre - cepts that ob - scure your plan.
for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of love to mind,



to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our
Show us how through care and good - ness fear will die and hope in -
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief
that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may



word, help us rise and pledge our word.
crease, fear will die and hope in - crease.
span, may we hal - low life's brief span.
find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The people are seated.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Scott Dettra

Organist, Washington National Cathedral

Prélude et Fugue en si Majeur, Op. 7, No. 1

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

Praeludium et Fuga in D, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Please remain seated as the President and Vice President depart.

*The Washington Ringing Society will attempt a quarter-peal at the close of the service.
The bells may be heard from the Cathedral grounds.*

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