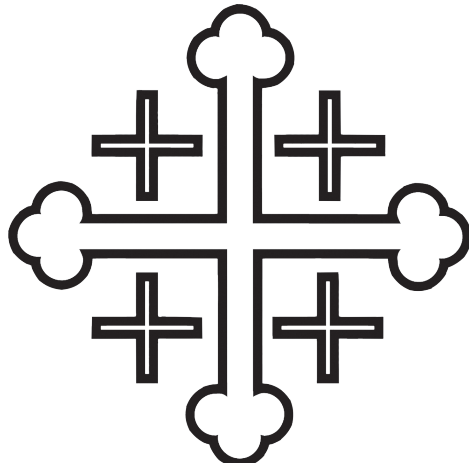




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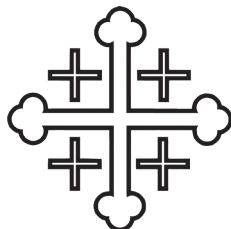
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THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



MUSICAL PRELUDE

Daryl L. A. Hunt, *Associate Director of Music for Contemporary Worship, Washington National Cathedral*, and
Sylvan Logan Sharp

Others

Israel Houghton (b. 1971)

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly reign - eth: borne as on
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee; sure - ly his
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng,
ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen
good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men

psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
how all thou need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

WELCOME

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

Leader O God, be merciful to us and bless us,
All **Show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**

Leader Let your ways be known upon the earth,
All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Leader Let the peoples praise you, O God;
All **Let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
All **For you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Leader Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

OPENING PRAYER

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, *Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Patti LaBelle

The Star-Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith (1750–1836)

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(*Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843*)

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, *Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, New York, New York*

Let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison.

Almighty God of our mothers and fathers, by Your mercy and love You have brought us once again to our national moment of passing the torch of freedom. We give You thanks for your loving kindness and compassion, and in this hour we call upon You to shower Your blessings upon our president, Joseph R. Biden, and our vice president, Kamala Harris. Grant unto them wisdom, grace, and fortitude to lead our nation to a brighter, safer, and more healthful future for all Americans. Strengthen them in their mission to bring healing, reconciliation, and peace to our land. Imbue them with virtue, righteousness, and a keen sense for justice, so that all Americans can have confidence that their rights as citizens will always be defended and protected. Safeguard and preserve our republic, our Congress and courts, our military and civil servants, so that in peace and prosperity we may live out our days. We petition Your grace and majesty, ascribing glory and dominion to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, glorified to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING • DEUTERONOMY 10:17-21

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, *Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, New York, New York*

For the Holy One your God is eternal and supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favor and takes no bribe, but upholds the cause of the orphan and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing those who need with food and clothing. You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You must revere and honor the Holy One your God: only God shall you worship, to God shall you hold fast, and by the name of the Holy One shall you swear. God is your glory and the one who wrought for you those marvelous, awesome deeds that you saw with your own eyes.

CALL TO PRAYER: JEWISH TRADITION

Rabbi Sharon Brous, *Senior Rabbi, IKAR, Los Angeles, California*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN

Jonathan Nez, *President*, and Phefelia Nez, *First Lady*, Navajo Nation, Window Rock (Navajo Nation), Arizona

Faithful God, accept the fervent prayers of all your people for our nation and for all those who govern.

Silence is kept.

Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

Keep this nation under your care.

Shi Diyin God, Áyóó Át'ei. Díí jíh, kw'e'í á'lah síídlj'igi, k'oh dóó éyáh nihí náát'aanii bá'sodiilzin. Báh áhghánjídééh. K'ád éí naashgóó neenijih' t'áá'á'í níh diigleel, ashdlááiin háhóózoo'igo. Áadóó éí bí'náhji' k'oh bik'éé' nítzii zhüigó nihí k'ei, nihí Diné'é, t'áá'altsoh bilá áshdlá nidlihnígíí éí báh ádeit'ii' dóóleel. T'áá'á'í nih diigleel, k'oh nihí k'ei, nihí Diné'é bijei daasdił, bini' daasdił. Éí báh sódiilzin díí jíh, Shi Diyin God, Áyóó Át'ei. T'áadóó ahéé'hee' nihidiinii dooleel. Áadóó éí bináhji' k'oh áshdlááiin há'hózó'iigóó naas'góó nee'niji' yéego k'oh nihí naanish ádah diilnijił. Ni'yéh biná'ji' k'ódóó so'diilzin béé há'sdzii' dooleel.

Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Reverend Jim Wallis, *Founder and Ambassador of Sojourners*, Washington, District of Columbia

Strengthen the hearts of our president, Joseph, and our vice president, Kamala. Make them bold for the work you have set before them. Fill them with the love of justice and truth; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve all people of this land. Uphold them with vision, wisdom, and grace that they may discharge their duties to protect the dignity and freedom of every person.

Keep this nation under your care.

Sister Carol Keehan, *former President and Chief Executive Officer*, Catholic Health Association, Bladensburg, Maryland

Guide and bless senators and members of the House of Representatives that they may hear the people's voice and be led to enact laws for the common good and the protection of the most vulnerable. Give them courage and foresight to work together to serve the people of this nation faithfully, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Keep this nation under your care.

The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III, *Senior Pastor*, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois

Stir up the passion and reverence of the justices of the Supreme Court for the rule of law and the way of justice. Fill their deliberations with insight and their judgments with integrity. May they discern the truth and administer the law with impartiality that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served for all.

Keep this nation under your care.

O Lord God, bless all who dedicate themselves to governing in our land and upholding our democracy. Enable us to be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. May we serve you faithfully in our generation. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Washington National Cathedral Choir

Most Glorious Lord of Life

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou didst die,
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live together in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

(Edmund Spenser, 1552/1553–1599)

THE SECOND READING • QUR'AN 57:4-7

Dr. Debbie Almontaser, *Senior Advisor, Emgage NY, and President, Muslim Community Network, New York, New York*

He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, then established Himself on the Throne. He knows whatever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it, and whatever descends from the sky and whatever ascends into it. And He is with you wherever you are. For Allah is All-Seeing of what you do. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. And to Allah all matters are returned. He merges the night into day and the day into night. And He knows best what is hidden in the heart. Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and donate from what He has entrusted you with. So those of you who believe and donate will have a mighty reward.

CALL TO PRAYER: MUSLIM TRADITION

Imam Azhar Subedar, *Imam, Islamic Association of Collin County, Plano, Texas*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

The Reverend Dr. Alexia Salvatierra, *Assistant Professor of Mission and Global Transformation, Fuller Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, California*

God of compassion, give to all the people of our land the desire to serve you and one another. Let us pray for those, who through any form of service, offer themselves in devotion to our nation.

Dios de compasión, da a toda la gente de nuestra tierra el deseo de servirte y servir a sus prójimos. Oremos por todos los quienes, por cualquier tipo de servicio, se ofrecen a sí mismos con devoción a nuestro país. In the name of Jesus. En el nombre de Jesús.

Silence is kept.

Barbara Satin, *Faith Work Director, The National LGBTQ Task Force, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence: strengthen them in every trial and temptation, defend them in places of danger and peril, sustain them in their courage and dedication. Guide those who represent our nation as members of the Diplomatic Corps, that they may be ambassadors of hope working for peace and goodwill among all people.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

Anuttama Dasa, *Global Minister of Communications, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Rockville, Maryland*

We pray for all who work in places of danger: who rush in to bring help and comfort; who offer hope when others flee to safety. Surround with your loving care all first responders who devote their lives to helping others. Keep them under your watchful eye; that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and by their presence mend the torn fabric of lives and social order as the pandemic continues.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

Valarie Kaur, *Sikh American activist and author of "See No Stranger", Los Angeles, California*

We pray for the healthcare workers and essential workers of this nation who answered the call to serve and continue to serve during these long months of the COVID-19 pandemic. We give thanks for their selfless acts and personal sacrifices, even when overwhelmed and emotionally stretched beyond measure. Give them strength that they may continue their life-giving work with our love and support by their side.

Nanak Nam Chardi Kala.
Teray Banay Sarbat da Bhalla.

In the name of Divine Oneness, we find ever-rising high spirits.
Within your will, may there be grace for all of humanity.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

The Reverend Dr. Gregory Knox Jones, *Senior Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware*

Bless your people who govern in every place. Instill in the leaders of states and school boards, counties and cities, courts and agencies a disposition to use their authority for the betterment of all the people in their communities. Enlighten by your Holy Spirit all teachers and educators. Give them a spirit of grace and compassion, that they may have the strength and endurance to instill a love of learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom in those they teach.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

Bishop Vashti McKenzie, *African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas*

Give to all the people of our land, O God, the desire to serve you in their life's work and vocation. May your presence be manifest in all that we say and do. Weave together the work of every hand and the commitment of every heart: for we recognize our interdependence, our responsibilities to one another, and the mutuality of our destiny. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Washington National Cathedral Contemporary Ensemble

Your Love Divine

Richard Smallwood (b. 1948)

Lord, you know the pain,
Pain we bear,
And Lord, you know the toils,
Toils and cares.
Send your direction,
Send your protection,
Send your compassion,
And your love, divine.

Help us love those who would do us wrong,
Send your cleansing power from above.
Unite our hearts as one;
Make us vessels for the flow through of your love.

CALL TO PRAYER: CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The Reverend Frederick A. Davie, *Executive Vice President, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York*

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher, *Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, District of Columbia*

O God, whom we cannot love unless we love our neighbor, widen the boundaries of our hearts that we may see you in one another. Let us pray for the most vulnerable in our communities.

Silence is kept.

The Reverend Dr. Yvette Flunder, *Presiding Bishop, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Oakland, California*

Hear our prayers for all who do the tedious, dirty, and dangerous work which is necessary to sustain our life; bless those who work the fields and grant that all who depend upon their service may remember them with thankful hearts.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

Emma Petty Addams, *Executive Director, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, Omaha, Nebraska*

We remember before you the poor and neglected, the unemployed and underemployed, the homeless and the destitute, the sick and suffering, especially those with COVID-19, the rejected and disempowered; give them the blessing of your presence, that all in need may be relieved and protected.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

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

Look with compassion upon the widowed and orphans, outcasts and refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, that they may find you and be comforted.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, *President, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California*

We pray for an end to the injustices of racism and the hatred in our nation that destroys lives and betrays our sacred humanity. Help us build a just society where all persons are recognized and treated as sacred.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

Bishop Leah Daughtry, *Presiding Prelate, The House of the Lord Churches, and Principal, On These Things, LLC, Washington, District of Columbia*

For all children and young people growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that yours is the way of life. Should they fall short of their own expectations, help them to see it not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new beginning. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

First Lady Robin Jackson, *Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, South Carolina*

Merciful God, fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with all your people that we may faithfully minister in your name and witness to your love and grace to all the world. **Amen.**

THE THIRD READING • ISAIAH 58:6-12

The Reverend Dr. Paula Stone Williams, *author and Pastor, Left Hand Church, Longmont, Colorado*

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”

HOMILY

Bishop William J. Barber II, D Min, *President, Repairers of the Breach and Co-chair, Poor People's Campaign:
A National Call for Moral Revival, Goldsboro, North Carolina*

MUSIC

The Clark Sisters of Detroit, Michigan

Blessed & Highly Favored

Karen Clark Sheard (b. 1960)
Produced by Donald Lawrence

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

The Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis, *Senior Minister, Middle Collegiate Church, New York, New York*

With reverence and affection, O everliving God, we remember before you all lost to COVID-19 in our nation. We thank you for the gift of their lives among us as family and friends. Comfort us now in our grief and keep us in union with them through our faith and love towards you. We entrust them to your care as we pause in silence to remember and honor them.

Silence is kept.

Loving God, embrace us in this moment with your love and grant us the hope and promise of new life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan, *Canon for Worship, Washington National Cathedral*

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 PEACE

The Reverend Robert W. Lee, *Pastor, Unifour Church, Statesville, North Carolina*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for this country and the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO SAINT FRANCIS

Sister Norma Pimentel, *Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, Rio Grande Valley, Texas*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Jen Hatmaker, *author, podcast host, and speaker, Austin, Texas*

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Make us who come from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. In your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Josh Groban

Donald Lawrence and Company

America the Beautiful

Samuel A. Ward (1848–1903)

THE BLESSING

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, *Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church, Raleigh, North Carolina*

DISMISSAL

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

Leader Go forth in peace. Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Thomas M. Sheehan, *Organist and Associate Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral*

“Healing” from *Journey to Wholeness*

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

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