

*The Inaugural Ceremonies
of the
President and Vice President
of the
United States of America*





THE CAPITOL

JANUARY TWENTY-FIRST

NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE

The God that gave us life gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy but cannot disjoin them.

Thomas Jefferson

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We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed . . .

The Declaration of Independence

WE, the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Preamble
The Constitution of the United States

PROGRAM

PRELUDE
THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND
COLONEL JOHN R. BOURGEOIS, *Conductor.*

CALL TO ORDER
THE HONORABLE CHARLES McC. MATHIAS
United States Senator, Maryland.

INVOCATION
THE REVEREND TIMOTHY S. HEALY, S.J.
President, Georgetown University, District of Columbia.

OLD AMERICAN SONGS
Simple Gifts
AARON COPLAND
TRANS. BY MGYSGT. THOMAS KNOX, U.S.M.C.
JESSYE NORMAN, *Soprano.*

PRAYER
RABBI ALFRED GOTTSCHALK, PH.D.
President, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO THE VICE
PRESIDENT BY JUSTICE POTTER STEWART.

THE TESTAMENT OF FREEDOM
The God Who Gave Us Life
RANDALL THOMPSON
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CHORUS AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND
PAUL TRAVER, *Conducting.*

PRAYER
THE REVEREND DONN D. MOOMAW
Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California.

THE OATH OF OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO THE
PRESIDENT BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

BENEDICTION
THE REVEREND PETER J. GOMES
Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Oath of office of the Vice President of the United States
Prescribed by Public Law 89-554,
September 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 424.*

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

Oath of office of the President of the United States
Prescribed by the Constitution of the United States,
Article II, Section 1

*Historical note: The original congressional oath authorized by the Constitution was administered to the Vice President in his capacity as President of the Senate. "I, A.B., do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States."

Act of June 1, 1789, Chapter 1, Section 1, 1 Stat. 23.

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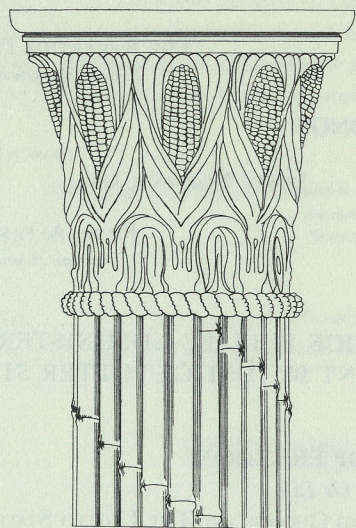
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Is it not the glory of the people of America, that whilst they have paid a decent regard to the opinions of former times and other nations, they have not suffered a blind veneration for antiquity, for custom, or for names, to overrule the suggestions of their own good sense, the knowledge of their own situation, and the lessons of their own experience? To this manly spirit, posterity will be indebted for the possession, and the world for the example, of the numerous innovations displayed on the American theatre, in favor of private rights and public happiness.

James Madison
The Federalist No. 14.



UPPER SECTION AND CAPITAL OF THE "CORNSTALK COLUMN" DESIGNED IN
1809 BY BENJAMIN HENRY LATROBE, WHO SERVED FROM 1803-1811 AND
FROM 1815-1817 AS ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.