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*The 58th Presidential
Inauguration*

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2017 INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL PROGRAM

Prelude	“The President’s Own” The United States Marine Band
Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks	The Honorable Roy Blunt United States Senator, Missouri
Readings and Invocation	His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan Reverend Dr. Samuel Rodriguez Pastor Paula White-Cain
Musical Selection	Missouri State University Chorale

**The Vice Presidential Oath of Office will be administered to
Michael Richard Pence by Associate Justice of the
Supreme Court of the United States The Honorable Clarence Thomas**

Musical Selection	The Mormon Tabernacle Choir
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**The Presidential Oath of Office will be administered to Donald John Trump by
the Chief Justice of the United States The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.**

Inaugural Address	The President of the United States
Readings and Benediction	Rabbi Marvin Hier Reverend Franklin Graham Bishop Wayne T. Jackson
The National Anthem	Jackie Evancho

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CEREMONIAL ESCORTS

THE CHILDREN OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT PENCE,
SECOND LIEUTENANT MICHAEL PENCE, CHARLOTTE PENCE,
AND AUDREY PENCE

Ms. Mary Suit Jones, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Senate	Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
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THE CHILDREN OF PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP, DONALD TRUMP, JR.,
IVANKA TRUMP, ERIC TRUMP, TIFFANY TRUMP, AND BARRON TRUMP

Honorable Philip Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives	Ms. Laura Dove, U.S. Senate Majority Secretary
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FIRST LADY MRS. MICHELLE OBAMA AND DR. JILL BIDEN

Ms. Iris Weinshall-Schumer, Spouse of the Senate Rules Ranking Member and Democratic Leader	Mr. Paul Pelosi, Spouse of the Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives
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Ms. Julie Adams, Secretary of the U.S. Senate	Ms. Karen Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives



PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA AND VICE PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN

Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Senate Rules Committee Ranking Member, and Senate Democratic Leader	Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader of the U.S. House Of Representatives
Mr. Gary Myrick, U.S. Senate Minority Secretary	

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MICHAEL R. PENCE

Honorable Orrin Hatch, U.S. Senate President Pro Tempore	Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, U.S. Senate Senior Democratic Member
Honorable James W. Morhard, U.S. Senate Deputy SAA	Honorable Timothy Blodgett, U.S. House of Representatives Deputy SAA
Ms. Maria Miller Lohmeyer, JCCIC Inaugural Coordinator	

PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD J. TRUMP

Honorable Roy D. Blunt, U.S. Senate Rules Committee Chairman and JCCIC Chairman	Honorable Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senate Rules Committee Ranking Member and Senate Democratic Leader
Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate
Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives	Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives
Honorable Frank J. Larkin, Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate	Honorable Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House of Representatives
Ms. Stacy McHatton McBride, JCCIC Staff Director	



INAUGURAL THEME

The theme of the 58th Presidential Inauguration, “Uniquely American,” recognizes the symbolic importance of today’s event. We may consider it routine, but the inaugural ceremony remains a uniquely American expression of our constitutional system. The peaceful transition between presidential administrations signals that we are united as a people behind an enduring republic.

INAUGURAL THEME ESSAY

UNIQUELY AMERICAN: THE INAUGURAL TRADITION AND THE PROMISE OF A MORE PERFECT UNION

When the framers of the United States Constitution crafted our founding document, they proclaimed that “We, the People” were creating a new form of government “in order to form a more perfect Union.”

Today, as we celebrate the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States, we honor this uniquely American constitutional quest. The peaceful transition between presidential administrations signals that we are united as a people behind an enduring republic.

In 1981 the inaugural ceremony struck President Ronald Reagan as being both commonplace and miraculous. “The orderly transfer of authority as called for in the Constitution routinely takes place, as it has for almost two centuries, and few of us stop to think how unique we really are,” he said in his address. “In the eyes of many in the world, this every-four-year ceremony we accept as normal is nothing less than a miracle.”

The inaugural ceremony may be a routine event, but it remains a unique symbol of our constitutional system.

The framers of our Constitution understood that the government they had created was imperfect, crafted from a series of compromises, and that perfection would be elusive. “I never expect to see a perfect work from imperfect man,” explained Alexander Hamilton.

The framers also recognized that, for our government to endure, it must have the ability to improve itself, to evolve in form and function, and to be guided by new ideas and new personalities. To accommodate that need, they provided for constitutional amendments, for the regular election of officials, and for the routine transfer of power.

At the end of the 18th century, it was widely believed that our republican form of government was best suited to small, homogeneous societies. However, the United States rapidly grew in the



19th century—in geography and population—and our system of government demonstrated its remarkable ability not just to accommodate that diversity, but to draw strength from it.

In his second inaugural address in 1805, President Thomas Jefferson commented on the acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase. “The larger our association,” he insisted, “the less will it be shaken by local passions.” Jefferson’s faith in “association” across space would ultimately depend on knitting together the far-flung communities of the nation.

President James Monroe, in his 1817 inaugural address, envisioned a network of roads and canals that would cultivate national unity. “By thus facilitating the intercourse between the States...we shall shorten distances, and, by making each part more accessible to and dependent on the other, we shall bind the Union more closely together.”

By the end of the 19th century, the nation’s towns and cities were linked by roads, canals, and railroads, followed by telegraph and telephone wires. Modern infrastructure expanded in the 20th century, in the form of national highways, and in the 21st century with Internet cables and wireless communications. Vast distances have been considerably reduced while knowledge, opportunity, and the shared ideals of purpose, ingenuity, and equality have been significantly expanded.

These greater connections have required bridging the gap between competing political and ideological visions, while protecting the political and civil rights of all Americans. Through amendments to the Constitution, the phrase, “We, the People” has been redefined by extending citizenship and expanding voting rights, reflecting the realization that a nation cannot strive for perfection unless it embraces the full participation of its citizens.

With each inauguration we embrace this uniquely American ceremony, seeing in this extraordinary ritual a reflection of the nation itself. In times of peace or war, of prosperity or crisis, inaugurations strengthen the national resolve to meet each new challenge.

“With malice toward none, with charity for all,” President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed in his second inaugural address, delivered during the waning days of the Civil War, “let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds.”

During the depths of the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt declared his 1933 inauguration a “day of national consecration,” in which “we face the arduous days that lie before us in the warm courage of national unity.”

President George H. W. Bush observed in 1989 that on inauguration day, “we remember that we



are all part of a continuum, inescapably connected by the ties that bind.”

“At the dawn of the 21st century,” as President William Clinton proclaimed in his 1997 address, Americans had to “shape the forces of the information age and the global society, to unleash the limitless power of all our people, and yes, to form a more perfect Union.”

On January 20, 2017, we gather at the U.S. Capitol, the home of the legislature, along with the executive, represented by the President, and the judiciary, embodied by the Chief Justice of the United States who administers the oath. It is a meeting of the three branches of the federal government, before the people, to observe the simple yet momentous ritual of presidential oath taking.

Today, “We, the People” reaffirm a uniquely American foundation in popular sovereignty, while recommitting ourselves to the pursuit of “a more perfect union.”



INAUGURAL BIBLES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

THE LINCOLN BIBLE



President-elect Donald John Trump will be sworn-in on January 20, 2017, using his Bible, as well as the same Bible that President Lincoln used at his first inauguration. The oath of office will be administered by the Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts.

The Bible was originally purchased by William Thomas Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court. The Lincoln family Bible, which is in the Library of Congress' collection, had been packed with other belongings that were traveling from Springfield.

The Bible itself is bound in burgundy velvet with a gold-washed white metal rim around the three outside edges of both covers. All its edges are heavily gilt. In the center of the top cover is a shield of gold wash over white metal with the words "Holy Bible" chased into it. The book is 15 cm long, 10 cm wide, and 4.5 cm deep when closed. The 1,280-page Bible was published in 1853 by the Oxford University Press.

In the back of the volume, along with the seal of the Supreme Court, it is annotated: "I, William Thomas Carroll, clerk of the said court do hereby certify that the preceding copy of the Holy Bible is that upon which the Honorable. R. B. Taney, Chief Justice of the said Court, administered to His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, the oath of office as President of the United States ..."

TRUMP FAMILY BIBLE

President-elect Trump's Bible was presented to him by his mother upon his graduation of Sunday Church Primary School at First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, New York, on Children's Day, June 12, 1955. The Bible is a revised standard version published by Thomas Nelson and Sons in New York in 1953 and is embossed with his name on the lower portion of the front cover. The inside cover is signed by church officials and is inscribed with his name and the details of when it was presented.



INAUGURAL BIBLES

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

THE REAGAN BIBLE



Vice President-elect Pence will take the oath of office from the Bible that Ronald Reagan used for his gubernatorial inaugurations in 1967 and 1971, as well as his presidential inaugurations in 1981 and 1985. This will be the first time that anyone but Reagan will use this Bible at an inauguration.

The Reagan Family Bible is currently on permanent display at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi

Valley, California. On January 20, 2017, the Bible will be open to the same passage that it was during Reagan's inaugurations: II Chronicles 7:14, which reads, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."



FIVE FLAGS OF THE WEST FRONT



For the inaugural ceremonies, five flags adorn the West Front of the Capitol. The current flag of the United States is displayed in the center.

To its immediate left and right are flags with 13 stars representing the original colonies, including the colony of New York. President-elect Donald Trump's home state of New York entered the Union on July 25, 1788. For the 2017 Inaugural Ceremonies, these two flags will display 13 stars in a design often attributed to Francis Hopkinson.

The two outer flags, popularly known as the "Betsy Ross flag," appeared in the early 1790s.