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Inaugural Convocation

January 18, 1981
National City Christian Church
Thomas Circle
Washington, D.C.

Inaugural Convocation

"One People Under God"

THE PRE-SERVICE CONCERT AND PREPARATION

The Organ Music Lawrence Schreiber, Director
The Woodhaven Handbell Choir Rev. Stanley Williams, Director
The P. T. L. Singers..... Rev. Thurlow Spurr, Director
The Presentation of the Colors Armed Forces Color Guard

*Please rise and remain standing
through the Invocation and the Choral Response*

The Pledge of Allegiance..... Rev. Robert P. Dugan, Jr.

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP Rev. Ernest Gibson, Presiding

THE PROCESSION

The Processional Hymn - "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

(1)
*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

(2)
*Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.*

(3)
*Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

(4)
*A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

(5)
*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

(6)
*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

THE INVOCATION AND

CHORAL RESPONSE Bishop Basil Losten

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE Rabbi David Ben-Ami

THE WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Jerry Moore
and Dr. William Howland

THE ANTHEMGustav Holst
"Psalm 148" The National City Christian Church Sanctuary Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSONRabbi Andre Ungar
"Psalm 72"

THE SOLO Cantor Roy Garber
"Psalm 34"

THE PRAYER FOR THE NATION.....Rev. James Bakker

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONMetropolitan Theodosius

THE PRAYER FOR
NATIONAL LEADERSRev. Dr. William L. Weiler

THE SOLO Cynthia Clawson
"I Will Believe"

THE PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT Dr. James Robison

THE SOLO Lornelle Harris
"Lord Listen to your Children Praying"

READINGImam Khalil Abdel Alim
Qur'an 49:9-13

THE ADDRESSDr. Richard Halverson

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (*The people singing in unison*)
"The Star-Spangled Banner"

*Oh, 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?*

*Oh! Thus be it ever, when free
men shall stand
Between their loved homes and
the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may
the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made
and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our
cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God
is our trust."
And the Star-Spangled Banner in
triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave!*

THE BENEDICTION AND
CHORAL RESPONSE Dr. Jerry Falwell

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE
Credo - "We All Believe In One God"

J. S. Bach

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The 1981 Inaugural Convocation expresses the American spirit of religious pluralism personified in the concept: "One Nation Under God."

This Interfaith Service gives expression to the common ground of all the great religious traditions that have influenced American life, stressing the sacredness of human personality, respect for human rights, and the duty of fraternal cooperation for the common welfare.

This Convocation renews our feeling of dependence on Divine justice and love for the continual enjoyment of the blessings of American life. Worshipping as Americans representing diverse faiths and races, we give expression to the ideals of equality and fraternity - the ideal of charity to all and malice toward none.

We call attention to the ideals that the Nation holds sacred - ideals that have gone into the making of the American conscience.

We take spiritual inventory of where the Nation stands in respect to the fulfillment of its own ideals and traditions. It invites us to a renewal of our devotion to the highest purposes that have been conceived for American life and its people.

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