

*Inauguration
of the
President and Vice President
of the
United States of America*

The Capitol of the United States of America

City of Washington

January twentieth

Two thousand and nine

*The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies cordially
welcomes you to the fifty-sixth Presidential Inauguration.*

Dianne Feinstein, Chairman

U.S. SENATE, CALIFORNIA

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MAJORITY LEADER, U.S. SENATE, NEVADA

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*T*he fifty-sixth Presidential Inauguration celebrates the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the ideals of renewal, continuity, and unity that he so often expressed. As we have done every four years since 1789, Americans join together today to witness our President take a simple oath of office consisting of thirty-five words. This historic event provides an occasion for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles that are the foundation of our representative democracy.

Framed against a backdrop of red, white, and blue bunting, the West Front of the United States Capitol features five flags. The flag of the United States is displayed in the center. On either side are two earlier flags: the flag popularly known as the "Betsy Ross flag," with stars arranged in a circle, appeared in the early 1790s; the flag with twenty-one stars flew for one year from July 4, 1819, to July 4, 1820, in recognition of the entrance of Illinois into the Union.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND
COLONEL MICHAEL J. COLBURN
Director

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOMING REMARKS THE HONORABLE DIANNE FEINSTEIN
United States Senator, California

INVOCATION DR. RICK WARREN

MUSICAL SELECTION ARETHA FRANKLIN

THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE
WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.,
BY ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE UNITED STATES
THE HONORABLE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

MUSICAL SELECTION YO-YO MA, *CELLO*
ANTHONY MCGILL, *CLARINET*
GABRIELA MONTERO, *PIANO*
ITZHAK PERLMAN, *VIOLIN*
Composed & arranged by John Williams

THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE
WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO BARACK H. OBAMA
BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES
THE HONORABLE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

POET ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

BENEDICTION THE REV. DR. JOSEPH E. LOWERY

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND SEA CHANTERS