

**APPENDIX B****Inaugural Clergy, 1937-2009**(1) January 20, 1937 inaugural of Franklin D. Roosevelt<sup>1</sup>

Invocation by:           Chaplain ZeBarney Phillips  
 Benediction by:         Father John A. Ryan

(2) January 20, 1941 inaugural of Franklin D. Roosevelt<sup>2</sup>

Invocation by:           Chaplain ZeBarney Phillips  
 Benediction by:         Father Michael J. Ready

(3) January 20, 1945 inaugural of Franklin D. Roosevelt<sup>3</sup>

Invocation by:           Bishop Angus Dun  
 Benediction by:         Monsignor John A. Ryan

(4) January 20, 1949 inaugural of Harry S. Truman<sup>4</sup>

Invocation by:           Rev. Edward Hughes Pruden  
 Prayer by:                Rabbi Samuel Thurman  
 Benediction by:         Father Patick A. O'Boyle

(5) January 20, 1953 inaugural of Dwight D. Eisenhower<sup>5</sup>

Invocation by:           Father Patrick A. O'Boyle  
 Prayer by:                Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
 Prayer by:                President Eisenhower<sup>6</sup>  
 Benediction by:         Rev. Henry Know Sherrill<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Medhurst MJ. *God Bless the President: The Rhetoric of Inaugural Prayer.* (The Pennsylvania State University, 1980). (Available on microfilm from University Microfilms International, Ann Arbor, MI (800-521-0600). At 97 *et seq.* Father Ryan prayed, “through Christ our Lord.”

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 115 *et seq.* Chaplain Phillips prayed, “In the name of Him who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.” Father Ready prayed, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ... Through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 133 *et seq.* Monsignor Ryan prayed, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ... Through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 171 *et seq.* Rev. Pruden prayed, “Through Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, we pray.”

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 210 *et seq.* Father O'Boyle prayed, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”

<sup>6</sup> At his 1953 inauguration, President Eisenhower became “the first president in history to utter a public prayer at his own inauguration.” *Id.* at 201. His atheistic constituency was obviously invisible to the President, who claimed “our common faith in God is a common bond among us.” *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1954*, p. 244.

(6) January 21, 1957 inaugural of Dwight D. Eisenhower<sup>8</sup>

Invocation by: Rev. Edward L. R. Elson  
Prayer by: His Eminence Michael  
Prayer by: Rabbi Louis Finkelstein  
Benediction by: Edward Cardinal Mooney

(7) January 20, 1961 inaugural of John F. Kennedy<sup>9</sup>

Invocation by: Richard Cardinal Cushing  
Prayer by: His Eminence Iakovos  
Prayer by: John Barclay  
Benediction by: Rabbi Nelson Glueck

(8) January 20, 1965 inaugural of Lyndon B. Johnson<sup>10</sup>

Invocation by: Archbishop Robert E. Lucey  
Prayer by: Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel  
Prayer by: Rev. Dr. George R. Davis  
Benediction by: His Eminence Iakovos

(9) January 20, 1969 inaugural of Richard M. Nixon<sup>11</sup>

Invocation by: Rev. Charles Ewbank Tucker  
Prayer by: Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin  
Prayer by: His Eminence Iakovos  
Prayer by: Rev. Billy Graham  
Benediction by: Archbishop Terence J. Cooke

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<sup>7</sup> Rev. Sherrill – who gave the shortest inaugural prayer ever – stated, “I think it’s absurd to have all those prayers and I think it’s a bore. I think it’s bad for religion.” Medhurst, at 230.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* 235 *et seq.* Rev. Elson prayed, “through Jesus Christ, our Lord.” His Eminence Michael prayed, “Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.” Cardinal Mooney prayed, “through Christ, our Lord.”

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 288 *et seq.* Cardinal Cushing – who invoked the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – spoke for twelve minutes. Combined, all the prayers lasted twenty-eight minutes ... more than twice the length of President Kennedy’s address! His Eminence Iakovos prayed, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 357 *et seq.* Rev. Dr. Daviss’ prayer referenced “the Prince of Peace.” His Eminence Iakovos – prayed, “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, the life-giving Trinity.”

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 407 *et seq.* Rev. Tucker prayed, “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” His Eminence Iakovos prayed, “to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.” Rev. Billy Graham referenced the “Prince of Peace.”

- (10) January 20, 1973 inaugural of Richard M. Nixon<sup>12</sup>  
 Invocation by: Rev. E.V. Hill  
 Prayer by: Rabbi Seymour Siegel  
 Prayer by: His Eminence Iakovos  
 Benediction by: Archbishop Terence J. Cooke
- (11) January 20, 1977 inaugural of James E. Carter<sup>13</sup>  
 Invocation by: Rev. William Cannon  
 Benediction by: Rev. John R. Roach
- (12) January 20, 1981 inaugural of Ronald W. Reagan<sup>14</sup>  
 Invocation by: Rev. Donn. Moomaw  
 Benediction by: Rev. Donn. Moomaw
- (13) January 21, 1985 inaugural of Ronald W. Reagan<sup>15</sup>  
 Invocation by: Rev. Timothy S. Healy  
 Prayer by: Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk  
 Prayer by: Rev. Donn. Moomaw  
 Benediction by: Rev. Peter Gomes
- (14) January 20, 1989 inaugural of George H. W. Bush<sup>16</sup>  
 Invocation by: Rev. Billy Graham  
 Benediction by: Rev. Billy Graham

<sup>12</sup> Id. at 443 *et seq.* Rev. Hill prayed, “in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” His Eminence Iakovos prayed, “Oh Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

<sup>13</sup> Id. at 496 *et seq.* “Instead of the traditional four clerics representing four religious groups, Carter opted for only two pray-ers. The reason for this change was personal and religious, yet it had political ramifications. Excluded groups felt as though they had been cheated, mistreated, and discriminated against. By violating one traditional restraint of the rhetoric of inaugural prayer, Carter alienated two large religious groups.” Id. at 518.

Rev. Cannon prayed, “In the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior.”

<sup>14</sup> 127 Cong. Rec. 540-543 (97<sup>th</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess). Rev. Moomaw prayed, “in the name of the Lord of lords and King of kings, even Jesus Christ.” Additionally, the U.S. Marine Band played *God of Our Father*. President Reagan, himself, included in his inaugural address: “We are a nation under God, and I believe God intended for us to be free. It would be fitting and good, I think, if on each Inauguration Day in future years it should be declared a day of prayer.” Id. at 542.

<sup>15</sup> 131 Cong. Rec. 630-633 (99<sup>th</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess). The U.S. Marine Band played *The God Who Gave Us Life*. Rev. Moomaw prayed, “in the name of the King, even Jesus Christ our Lord.” President Reagan – commemorating the passing of Rep. Gillis Long of Louisiana – asked the audience to engage in a moment of silent prayer: “... let us stand as one today: One people under God.”

<sup>16</sup> 135 Cong. Rec. 303-306 (101<sup>st</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess.). Rev. Graham prayed, “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” in the Invocation. The U.S. Army Band played *God Bless America*. President Bush stated, “My first act as President is a prayer. I ask you to bow your heads: Heavenly Father, we bow our heads and thank You for Your love ...”

(15) January 20, 1993 inaugural of William J. Clinton<sup>17</sup>

Invocation by: Rev. Billy Graham

Benediction by: Rev. Billy Graham

(16) January 20, 1997 inaugural of William J. Clinton<sup>18</sup>

Invocation by: Rev. Billy Graham

Benediction by: Rev. Gardner C. Taylor

(17) January 20, 2001 inaugural of George W. Bush<sup>19</sup>

Invocation by: Rev. Franklin Graham

Benediction by: Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell

(18) January 20, 2005 inaugural of George W. Bush<sup>20</sup>

Invocation by: Rev. Luis Leon

Benediction by: Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell

(19) January 20, 2009 inaugural of Barack H. Obama<sup>21</sup>

Invocation by: Pastor Rick Warren

Benediction by: Pastor Joseph Lowery

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<sup>17</sup> 139 Cong. Rec. 383-85 (103<sup>rd</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess.). The Philander Smith Collegiate Choir sang *City on the Hill*. Rev. Graham prayed to “the Prince of Peace” in the Invocation, and “[i]n the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” in the Benediction.

<sup>18</sup> 143 Cong. Rec. 4, S119-22 (January 21, 1997). Additionally, the Immanuel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir sang “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” Rev. Graham prayed, “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>19</sup> 147 Cong. Rec. 7, S423-23. (January 22, 2001). Rev. Graham prayed, “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit.” Pastor Caldwell prayed, “in the name that’s above all other names, Jesus the Christ.”

<sup>20</sup> 151 Cong. Rec. 3, S101-05. (January 20, 2005). Pastor Caldwell concluded, “I humbly submit this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

<sup>21</sup> 155 Cong. Rec. 11, S667-70. (January 20, 2009). Pastor Warren prayed, “in the name of the one who changed my life, Yeshua, Esau, Jesus, Jesus, who taught us to pray.”