

Inauguration timeline

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

08:30 – 09:15 Morning Interfaith Prayer Service

The President-elect and Vice President-elect attend a traditional morning prayer service with family members prior to the official proceedings.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church

09:30 – 10:00 Escort Procession to the Capitol

An official motorcade escorts the leadership party and incoming dignitaries from the White House grounds to the Capitol Building.

Location: Pennsylvania Avenue

10:00 – 11:00 Prelude and Musical Performances

Invited guests take their seats on the platform while military bands and choral ensembles perform prelude music.

Location: West Front of the U.S. Capitol

11:30 – 12:00 Official Swearing-In Ceremony

The Chief Justice administers the oath of office to the Vice President and President on the West Front platform.

Location: West Front Platform, U.S. Capitol

12:00 – 12:30 Inaugural Address

The newly sworn-in President delivers the inaugural address setting forth the vision and policy priorities for the administration.

Location: West Front Platform, U.S. Capitol

12:45 – 13:15 Pass in Review and Departure

The newly inaugurated Commander-in-Chief reviews military escort units and bids formal farewell to outgoing officials.

Location: East Front, U.S. Capitol

13:30 – 15:00 Congressional Luncheon

Members of Congress host a ceremonial luncheon for the President, Vice President, and key Cabinet nominees.

Location: Statuary Hall, U.S. Capitol

15:15 – 17:00 Inaugural Procession Parade

Military units, high school marching bands, and cultural organizations parade down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the presidential viewing stand.

Location: Pennsylvania Avenue Parade Route

19:00 – 20:00 VIP Welcome Reception and Toast

Cabinet members, governors, and foreign dignitaries gather for a formal reception and ceremonial toast to the new administration.

Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center

20:15 – 22:15 Inaugural Gala and First Dance

The Commander-in-Chief and First Spouse take the ballroom floor for the ceremonial first dance amidst evening festivities.

Location: Executive Ballroom, Convention Center

22:30 – 22:45 Celebratory Fireworks Finale

A grand fireworks display illuminates the night sky over the Washington Monument to conclude the inauguration day celebrations.

Location: National Mall