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The Atlanta Inquirer's 40th Anniversary Ecumenical Service



**The Atlanta Life Insurance Company
Eugene Marcus Auditorium
Saturday, August 12, 2000
9:30 A.M.**

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING (1900)
by James Weldon Johnson

Originally written by Johnson for a presentation in celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. This was originally performed in Jacksonville, Florida, by children. The popular title for this work is:

THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our GOD,
True to our native land.

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ECUMENICAL SERVICE

P R O G R A M

Henrietta Antoinin & John B. Smith, Presiding

Welcome Jesse Hill, Jr.

Invocation Rev. Robert E. Felder

Purpose Anne Borders Patterson

Musical Selection John B. Smith, Jr.

Old Testament Dr. Albert Brinson

Isaiah 58:6-12

New Testament Dr. Mary Ann Sumral

Luke 4:16-19

Memorial Service Lonnie C. King

Musical Selection John B. Smith, Jr.

Angela L. Smith

Message Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

Pastor, Olivett Institutional Baptist Church
Cleveland, Ohio

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Benediction Dr. Joseph Lowery



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