PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Opening Exercises

The Eleventh of September
Two Thousand Sixteen
The Order of Service

Organ Prelude
“Emperor’s Fanfare” Antonio Soler (1729–1783)
Eric Plutz, University Organist

Processional
Please rise when the procession enters the chapel.

African drum music
John Arrucci, Joe Barnes, Anwar Kedar, Matthew Hill

Order of Procession
Chapel Choir
Director of Chapel Music
Penna Rose
Chief Marshal for University Convocations
Sandra L. Bermann
Associate Chief Marshal
Sanjeev R. Kulkarni
Trustees
Academic Officers; Heads, Deans, Directors of Studies and of Student Life of the Residential Colleges
Marshal
J. Nicole Shelton
Faculty; Administrative Officers
President, Senior Class
Andrew Y. Sun ’17
Vice President, Class of ’92
Archana Pradhan ’92
Campus Ministers
Associate Deans of Religious Life and the Chapel
Theresa S. Thames
Matthew C. Weiner
Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel
Alison L. Boden
Dean of the College
Jill S. Dolan
Mace Bearer
Jeff E. Nunokawa
President of the University
Christopher L. Eisgruber ’83
Marshal
Stacy E. Wolf
Hymn
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past,
on our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
on our hope for years to come,
Still be our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home!

Music: Isaac Watts (1678–1727)
Text: William Croft (1674–1748)

Invocation
Dean Boden

Please be seated.

Greeting
President Eisgruber

Recognition of Undergraduate Prize Recipients
Dean Dolan

THE FRESHMAN FIRST HONOR PRIZE
Bendeguz Offertaler ’19
Matthew Tyler ’19

THE GEORGE B. WOOD LEGACY SOPHOMORE PRIZE
Hans W. Hanley ’18
Prem Q. Nair ’18

THE GEORGE B. WOOD LEGACY JUNIOR PRIZE
Aslihan Asil ’17
Marisa M. Salazar ’17

THE CLASS OF 1939 PRINCETON SCHOLAR AWARD
Lydia Tingrui Liu ’17
Sura Al-Fatiha
Amir Raja ’18

Maha Upanishad
Fifth Chapter / Verse 71
Siddhartha V. Jayanti ’17

Psalm 104
Esther M. Julis ’19

Leader: Bless God, O my soul.
O God, my God, you are very great.

People: You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
You set the beams of your chambers on the waters.

People: You make the clouds your chariot,
You ride on the wings of the wind.

Leader: You make the winds your messengers,
Fire and flame are your ministers.

People: You set the earth on its foundations,
So that it shall never be shaken.

Leader: O God, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.

People: Bless God, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

Romans 12:9–18
Rhoda Lynch ’19

Anthem
“O God, Beyond All Praising”
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)
arr. Richard Proulx
Address
President Eisgruber

Please rise.

A Prayer for Princeton
Dean Boden
To be said by all.

O Eternal God, the source of life and light for all peoples, we pray you would endow this University with your grace and wisdom:
Give inspiration and understanding to those who teach and to those who learn;
Grant vision to its trustees and administrators;
To all who work here and to all who bear her name, give your guiding Spirit of sacrificial courage and loving service. Amen.

Blessings
Karen M. Gallagher-Teske ’18
Benjamin E. Goodman ’17
Harjot Sidhu ’19

Benediction
Dean Thames

Dismissal
“Sanctus” from Missa Luba arr. Fr. Guido Haazen

Recessional
Please remain standing until the recession has left the chapel.

African drum music

Organ Postlude
Final from Symphony 1, Op. 14 Louis Vierne (1870–1937)
About Opening Exercises

One of Princeton’s many cherished and long-standing traditions is Opening Exercises, an academic convocation that takes place shortly before the first day of classes each fall. Held in the University Chapel, the gathering features an address by the president as well as hymns, readings, prayers, and the awarding of undergraduate prizes. A procession of trustees, faculty, and administrators joins the president and chapel deans in welcoming the Class of 2020 and inaugurating the new year.

The students who are leading the service represent many of the world’s major religious traditions. They have been selected because of their outstanding contributions to religious life at Princeton.

The prizes conferred during the ceremony recognize undergraduate students for exceptional achievement in their academic work at Princeton. The Freshman First Honor Prize, the George B. Wood Legacy Sophomore Prize, and the George B. Wood Legacy Junior Prize are awarded for academic accomplishments of the previous academic year. The Class of 1939 Princeton Scholar Award is given to the senior or seniors who have achieved the highest standing in all preceding college work at Princeton.
The Academic Procession

The academic procession is led by the chief marshal, a member of the faculty appointed to this position by the president. Faculty marshals are identified by their unique orange gowns and black 16th-century caps.

The Class of 2020 processes in by residential college, preceded by gonfalons, decorative banners containing the “coats of arms” of the six colleges, which can be described as follows: Butler, blue and green with acorns; Forbes, red and gray with three beasts; Mathey, golden circles on burgundy; Rockefeller, yellow tiger heads on green; Whitman, green ivy against a blue-paned window; Wilson, orange and blue rampant tiger.

Following the Class of 2020 are trustees of the University, faculty and senior administrators, representatives of the residential colleges, and chapel deans and chaplains, with the president of the University, led by the faculty mace bearer, coming last. The mace was presented to the University by the citizens of Princeton in 1956 on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the opening of Nassau Hall. It symbolizes the authority of the president of the University as well as the close relationship that has existed between the University and the community ever since the College first moved to Princeton in 1756.

The president of the University wears a special gown, symbolic of that office and of the institutional continuity it represents. The gown is black, trimmed with gold, and faced with the orange of Princeton and of the House of Nassau. The 20 bands of gold lacing on the sleeves of the gown represent the 20 presidents who have guided Princeton since its founding.

Following today’s ceremony, the academic procession leads the class from the chapel to Nassau Street, entering front campus through the FitzRandolph Gate. When this class graduates, it will leave campus processing out the FitzRandolph Gate at the end of the Commencement ceremony.