

PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY

Opening Exercises



The Eleventh of September
Two Thousand Sixteen

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude

“Emperor’s Fanfare”

Antonio Soler (1729–1783)

“Cortège académique”

Ernest MacMillan (1893–1973)

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,
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,
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 Tingruo Liu '17

Please refrain from applause after readings and prayers.

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.