

*Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful, restorative service. Choral Evensong is a contemplative service of music, readings, and prayers that takes place in the late afternoon or early evening. It allows listeners time to meditate and transition from the busyness of the day to the peace and quiet of the evening. Evensong's distinguishing feature is that it consists primarily of music.*

**Prelude**      *Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670*      *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*"Christ, comfort of the world"*

**Opening sentences from Holy Scripture**      **BCP 61**

**Preces** *sung by the Officiant and the choir*      *Kenneth Leighton*

*All sit.*

**Psalm 110**      *Sung by the choir to plainsong (Tone III.4)*      **BCP 753**

**Psalm 132**      *Sung by the choir to plainsong (Tone I.7)*      **BCP 785**

**The First Lesson**      *Wisdom 9:1-12*

*All stand.*

**Hymn 265**      *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*      *Gabriel's Message*

*All sit.*

**Magnificat: Short Service**      *sung by the choir*      *Orlando Gibbons*

**The Second Lesson**      *John 1:9-14*

**The Apostles' Creed** *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried:**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the**

**Father Almighty;**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick**

**and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Salutation, Lord's Prayer, Suffrages, and Collects**

*sung by the Officiant and the choir*

*Kenneth Leighton*

*All sit.*

**Anthem**

Ave Maria

Igor Stravinsky

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Text: Luke 1:28, 42*

*All stand.*

**The Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

BCP 72

**The Concluding Sentences from Holy Scripture**

BCP 72

**Hymn 268**

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

**Postlude**

Kyrie, Gott heiliiger Geist, BWV 671

J.S. Bach

*“Lord God, the Holy Ghost”*

*For those who wish to participate in Eucharist, please come to the choir pews, as you are able, following the Postlude.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

BCP 340

## PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Mark Nabors
<i>Lector</i>	Alan Rackley
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music Trinity Cathedral Choir

### Notes on the Notes:

This evening, we observe the Feast of the Annunciation, which properly falls on March 25th, exactly nine months before Christmas. For this reason, the anthem and hymns are related to Mary. The anthem is a setting of the *Ave Maria* by Igor Stravinsky, one of the most important composers of the twentieth century, but not one known for his sacred music. The hymns include the famous “The angel Gabriel from heaven came” – a hymn normally associated with Christmas but more specifically related to the Annunciation – and the less well-known “Ye who claim the faith of Jesus.” This latter hymn is by David Hurd, one of the most important American composers in the Anglican tradition, and is a gem of twentieth-century hymnody.



### Trinity's Mission

The mission of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is to proclaim the Word of God by sharing our gifts, ourselves, and our properties through ministry to each other, our neighbors, and our community as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.