

# The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

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The Mission of Church of the Transfiguration  
is to be a Christian community;  
accepting and inviting all persons to share in worship,  
witness and service; as disciples of Jesus Christ  
in the world.

**Compline from the Book of Common Prayer**

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, Compline has been set for 6 voices. Voice 1 prays most of the parts typically assigned to the Officiant. Voice 2 prays the parts of the People. Voice 3 prays the parts of the Officiant and the People. In order to allow more people to participate, the longer Psalms are prayed by all 6 voices in turn. For the same reason, the short chapter (the Bible verse) and each of the two Collects are prayed by different voices (Voice 4, 5, and 6 respectively). Rubrics have been adjusted to accommodate prayer on Zoom and the pattern of prayer developed by those who regularly participate in Tuesday evening Compline.

Voice 6 invites those present to offer prayers of intercessions and thanksgivings. Our practice is to keep these very brief to maintain a prayerful atmosphere.

All participants who are not assigned a number (voice) are invited to mute their microphone and silently pray with Voices 2 and 3. All participants are welcome to participate in the intercessions and thanksgivings.

If less than 6 people are present, more than one voice may be assigned to a participant.

After all voices are assigned, the service will begin with the ringing of a bell and one minute of silence. The service will end with the ringing of a bell.

From the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (pages 127-135)

**1** The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

**1** Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**2** The maker of heaven and earth.

**1** Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**3** Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**1** May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**1** O God, make speed to save us.

**2** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**3** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add Alleluia.*

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. The verses are said in rotation (voices 1-6 in numerical order) for as many verses as are in the Psalm. A Celtic knot (☸) indicates that the Psalm is completed and the next voice is Voice 3 with the Gloria Patri

**Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

**Psalm 91** *Qui habitat*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

**Psalm 134** *Ecce nunc*

- 1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \*  
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.



**5** Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.

**6** Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

**1** You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**2** I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.



**5** Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.



**5** You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6** Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

**1** A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.

**2** Your eyes only have to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.

**3** Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,

- 4** There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near  
your dwelling.
- 5** For he shall give his angels charge  
over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 6** They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a  
stone.
- 1** You shall tread upon the lion and  
the adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and  
the serpent under your feet.
- 2** Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he  
knows my Name.
- 3** He shall call upon me, and I will  
answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble; I will  
rescue him and bring him to  
honor.
- 4** With long life will I satisfy him,\*  
and show him my salvation.



**3** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Voice 4 selects and reads one of the following passages of Scripture*

**4** Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

*Jeremiah 14:9,22*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

*1 Peter 5:8-9a*

**3** Thanks be to God.

**1** Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

**2** For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

**1** Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

**2** Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

**1** Lord, have mercy.

**2** *Christ, have mercy.*

**1** Lord, have mercy.

**3** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**1** Lord, hear our prayer;

**2** And let our cry come to you.

**1** Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

*Voice 5 selects and reads one of the Collects, or, if it is Saturday, reads the Collect appointed for Saturdays*

**5** Be our light in the darkness,  
O Lord, and in your great  
mercy defend us from all  
perils and dangers of this  
night; for the love of your  
only Son, our Savior Jesus  
Christ. *Amen.*

Be present, O merciful God, and  
protect us through the hours of this  
night, so that we who are wearied  
by the changes and chances of this  
life may rest in your eternal  
changelessness; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Look down, O Lord, from your  
heavenly throne, and illumine  
this night with your celestial  
brightness; that by night as by  
day your people may glorify  
your holy Name; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and  
drive far from it all snares of  
the enemy; let your holy angels  
dwell with us to preserve us in  
peace; and let your blessing be  
upon us always; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*A Collect for Saturdays*

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Voice 6 selects and reads one of the following prayers*

**6** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**6** *Silence may be kept, and then Voice 6 invites intercessions and thanksgivings be offered, silently or out loud.*

**3** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*In Easter Season, add* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*In Easter Season, add* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**1** Let us bless the Lord.

**2** Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

**1** The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*