

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.

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The form of the Great Litany has been used as the foundation for this litany. A section from St. Patrick's Breastplate has also been adapted to communal prayers for this litany. The petitions from the Collects for Propers 25-29 and the Collects for Advent (BCP 211-212 and 235-236) have been adapted as seasonal petitions for grace to live into God's redemptive mission. The Lorica of Fursa, (from www.acollectionofprayers.com), translated by Paul C. Stratman, adapted to communal prayers for this litany and is used, in this form, by the translator's permission. Prayers of the People, Form IV, are used for intercessions for the wider community.

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, this Litany is arranged for 12 voices. Even numbered voices pray the responses of the people. Please note that the voices are heard in more than one portion of the Litany.

All participants who are not assigned a number in a given portion of the liturgy are invited to either mute their microphone or silently pray with the even numbered voice (the voice of the people).

If less than 12 people are present, more than one voice may be assigned to participants.

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.

I. voices 1 and 2

From The Great Litany, BCP p 148

- 1 Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
2 *Have mercy on us*
- 1 Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
2 *Have mercy on us.*

II. voices 3 and 4

From St. Patrick's Breastplate

- 3 We bind unto ourselves today the strong name of the Trinity, by
invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.
- 4 We bind this day to us forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation.
- 3 His baptism in the Jordan river,
4 His death on cross for our salvation,
3 His bursting from the spiced tomb,
4 His riding up the heavenly way,
3 His coming at the day of doom,
4 We bind unto ourselves today.

voices 5 and 6

- 5 Christ be with us, Christ within us,
6 Christ behind us, Christ before us,
5 Christ beside us, Christ to win us,
6 Christ to comfort and restore us.

5 Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
6 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
5 Christ in hearts of all that love us,
6 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

III. voices 7 and 8

adapted from the petitions in The Collects for Propers 25-29, BCP p 211-2

7 Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity
8 *Mercifully hear us, O Lord*
7 Create in us new hearts so that we love what you command
8 *Mercifully hear us, O Lord*
7 Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises
8 *Mercifully hear us, O Lord*
7 Grant us grace to purify ourselves as your blessed Son is pure, so that when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom
8 *Mercifully hear us, O Lord*
7 Grant us so to hear the holy Scriptures, read, mark and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which you have given to us in our Savior Jesus Christ
8 *Mercifully hear us, O Lord*
7 Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under your well-beloved Son's most gracious rule
8 *Mercifully hear us, O Lord*

voices 9 and 10

adapted from the petitions in The Collects for Advent, BCP p 235-6

9 Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

- 10 *Graciously hear us, O Lord*
- 9 Give us grace to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility
- 10 *Graciously hear us, O Lord*
- 9 Give us grace that in the last day, when your Son Jesus Christ shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
- 10 *Graciously hear us, O Lord*
- 9 O Lord, give us grace to heed the warnings of your messengers the prophets and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
- 10 *Lovingly hear us, O Lord*
- 9 Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us
- 10 *Lovingly hear us, O Lord*
- 9 Because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us, O Lord
- 10 *Lovingly hear us, O Lord*
- 9 Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself
- 10 *Lovingly hear us, O Lord*

IV. voices 11 and 12

Adapted from The Prayers of the People, Form IV, BCP p 388-9

- 11 Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
- 12 *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
- 11 Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
- 12 *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

- 11 Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
- 12 *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
- 11 Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
- 12 *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
- 11 Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
- 12 *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
- 11 We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
- 12 *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

V. voices 1-12

- 1 Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us.
- 2 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- 3 Give us today our daily bread.
- 4 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
- 5 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
- 6 O Lord, let your mercy be showed upon us
- 7 As we do put our trust in you.

The Lorica of Fursa

- 8 May the guiding hand of God be on our shoulders,
9 May the presence of the Holy Spirit be on our heads,
10 May the sign of Christ be on our foreheads,

11 May the voice of the Holy Spirit be in our ears,
12 May the smell of the Holy Spirit be in our noses,
1 May the sight of the company of heaven be in our eyes,
2 May the speech of the company of heaven be in our mouths,
3 May the work of the church of God be in our hands,
4 May the serving of God and neighbor be in our feet,
5 May God make our hearts his home,
6 And may we belong to God, our Father, completely.

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

7 We bind unto ourselves the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity
8 By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three,
9 Of whom all nature has creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
10 Praise to the Lord of our salvation,
11 Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
12 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*