

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.

**A Litany for Fridays in Christmas and Epiphany:
Living into Our Baptism**

A Litany for Living into Our Baptism

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 Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence, on pages 267-269, has been adapted as 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. For intercessory prayers for the wider community and world, Form IV Prayers of the People (BCP 388-9) are used.

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 Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence (BCP 267-9)

7 Most holy and merciful Father: empower us to think, speak, and do what
pleases you in all that we do and in all that we choose not to do.
8 *Hear our prayers, most holy and merciful Father*
7 Empower us to love you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Grant us grace to love our neighbors as ourselves.
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Make us always mindful of how you have forgiven us so that we will forgive
others.
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Open our ears to hear your call to serve, as Christ served us.
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Grant us courage to be true to the mind of Christ.
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Prevent us from grieving your Holy Spirit.
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Ground us in faithfulness, so that the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience have no
place in our lives
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

7 Heal our appetites and ways so that we hunger after righteousness in ourselves
and strive for justice and peace for all people

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

IV. voices 9 and 10

9 Grow within us patience, mercy, and compassion for ourselves and others.

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Grant us grace to be content with what we have, knowing that all things come
of Thee.

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Temper our desire for worldly goods and comforts, and guide us so that we live
our daily life and work in honesty.

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Give to us ample opportunities and a wholesome desire for prayer and worship.

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Grant us courage to commend the faith that is in us.

10 *Hear our prayers, most holy and merciful Father*

9 Open our eyes to human need and suffering;
grant us hearts to care for those who are victims of injustice and cruelty,
discernment for how to offer aid and comfort and sustainable change, and
the will to act on their behalf.

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Guard our hearts against all false judgments,
shield our minds from uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and cleanse our souls from prejudice and contempt toward those who differ
from us,

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Awaken in us an awareness of our waste and pollution of your creation, and our
lack of concern for those who come after us,

- 10 *Restore us, good Lord, and inspire us to live sustainably;*
9 Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.
10 *Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world.*
9 By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection

V. voices 11 and 12

Adapted from The Prayers of the People, Form IV (BCP 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.*

VI. 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.*