

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 Living into Our Baptism through The Way of Love

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The form of The Great Litany (BCP 148-155) 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 Hymnal 1982, #370). Prayers for the Candidates in The Baptismal Covenant (BCP 305-6) have been modified to focus the petitions on this community of baptized persons in prayer. The definitions of the seven parts of The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/>) have been adapted as petitions. The Lorica of Fursa, (from www.acollectionofprayers.com), translated by Paul C. Stratman, is adapted to communal prayers for this litany and is adapted and used 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 microphones or silently pray with the even-numbered voices (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, 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 Prayers for the Candidates in The Baptismal Covenant (BCP 305-6)*

- 7 Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Send us into the world in witness to your love.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory,
8 *Lord, hear our prayer*

IV. voices 9 and 10 *Adapted from The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

- 9 We pray for [name all participants].
Grant us grace to love each other well during our journey into The Way of Love
together

- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to lovingly encourage each other to discern our own particular ways of living into The Way of Love
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to daily TURN: to pause, listen, and choose to follow you, Jesus
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to daily LEARN: to reflect on Scripture, especially on your life and teachings, Jesus
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to daily PRAY: to intentionally listen for you, speak with you, and simply dwell with you, God
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace and the opportunity to WORSHIP in community weekly so that as your Church gathered together we might thank you, praise you, and dwell more deeply with you
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to recognize opportunities to BLESS others and to do so in love: to share the faith handed down through the Church and to unselfishly give and serve in your Name
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to GO in your Name: to cross boundaries, listen deeply, and to live like you, Jesus
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*
- 9 Grant us grace to regularly REST in your love: to receive the gift of your grace, peace, and restoration
- 10 *Hear us, Lord*

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.

From 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.*