

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 the Season of Easter on Fridays

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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 been adapted to communal prayers for this litany. The Petitions from the Collects of the Easter season are used as the primary petitions for grace to live fully into the reality of Christ's first coming and in joyful anticipation of his second coming. The Lorica of Fursa (from www.acollectionofprayers.com translated by Paul C. Stratman) is 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 mute their microphones and silently pray with the even-numbered voices.

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

After all voices are assigned, the service will begin with the ringing of a bell and a short time for briefly-stated prayer intentions, offered either silently or aloud. 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 of the Collects of Easter (BCP 222, 224-6)

7 Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord in the joy of his resurrection
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity
and truth
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be
raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may
show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold your blessed Son in all his
redeeming work
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

IV. voices 9 and 10

- 9 Grant that when we hear your Son Jesus' voice we may know him who calls us each by name and follow where he leads
- 10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 9 Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life
- 10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 9 Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire
- 10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 9 Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to the promise of your blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages
- 10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 9 Grant, we pray, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell
- 10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
- 9 Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before
- 10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

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.*