

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

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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 Church and the Parish (for use on Fridays)

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The Great Litany from *Enriching Our Worship* Volume 1 (pages 46-49) has been adapted with prayers taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 305-6, 816-7. The *Lorica of Fursa*, (from www.acollectionofprayers.com), translated by Paul C. Stratman, is used by permission and adapted to communal prayers for this litany.

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

- 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

- 3 From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
4 *Savior deliver us.*
- 3 From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
4 *Savior deliver us.*
- 3 From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
4 *Savior deliver us.*
- 3 From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

III. voices 5 and 6

5 For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, hear us, O Gracious Father.

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Fill your holy Church with all truth, in all truth, with all peace.

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Where it is corrupt, purify it;

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Where it is in error, direct it;

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Where in anything it is amiss, reform it.

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Where it is right, strengthen it.

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Where it is in want, provide for it.

6 *Hear our prayers, O Gracious Father*

5 Where it is divided, reunite it.

6 *For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, hear us, O Gracious Father.*

IV. voices 7 and 8

7 Almighty and everliving Father, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family.

8 *For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, hear us, everliving Father*

7 Strengthen the faithful

8 *Hear us, everliving Father*

7 Arouse the careless

8 *Hear us, everliving Father*

7 Restore the penitent

8 *Hear us, everliving Father*

7 Grant us all things necessary for our common life

8 *Hear us, everliving Father*

7 Bring us to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church

8 *For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, hear us, everliving Father*

voices 9 and 10

9 Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Open our hearts to your grace and truth

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Teach us to love others in the power of the Holy Spirit

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Send us into the world in witness to your love

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory

10 *Lord, hear our prayer*

V. voices 11 and 12

11 Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

VI. voices 1-12

1 Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

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

The Lorica of Fursa

- 9 May the guiding hand of God be on our shoulders,
- 10 May the presence of the Holy Spirit be on our heads,
- 11 May the sign of Christ be on our foreheads,
- 12 May the voice of the Holy Spirit be in our ears,
- 1 May the smell of the Holy Spirit be in our noses,
- 2 May the sight of the company of heaven be in our eyes,
- 3 May the speech of the company of heaven be in our mouths,
- 4 May the work of the church of God be in our hands,
- 5 May the serving of God and neighbor be in our feet,
- 6 May God make our hearts his home,
- 7 And may we belong to God, our Father, completely.

8 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.*