

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 Pentecost

For the first half of the Season

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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 Season after Pentecost are used as the primary petitions for grace to live fully into the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to empower the Church for ministry. 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 for The Day of Pentecost
and The Season after Pentecost (Propers 1-13) (BCP 227-232)*

7 Shed abroad your gift of the Holy Spirit--through whom the door of
eternal life is opened--by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach
to the ends of the earth
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Keep us steadfast in the faith and worship of you, the eternal Trinity, and
bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and,
as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in
mind and body, may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to
your purpose
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your
providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and
serenity
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*
7 Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things
which are profitable for us

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

7 Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

7 Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

voices 9 and 10

9 Make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by the teaching of the apostles and prophets, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

9 Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness

10 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

IV. 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.*

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.*