

# 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  
between Christmas Day and Ash Wednesday on Fridays**

## **A Litany for the Season of Christmas, the Epiphany, and the Season after the Epiphany**

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 for Christmas, Epiphany, and the Season after the Epiphany 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](http://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 Petitions of the Collects for Christmas Day, the Sundays after Christmas,  
The Holy Name, The Epiphany, and the Sundays after the Epiphany (BCP 212-217)*

7 Grant, O God, that we, who joyfully receive your only Son Jesus Christ as our  
Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our  
Judge  
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*  
7 Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also  
enjoy him perfectly in heaven  
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*  
7 Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption  
and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit  
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*  
7 Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:  
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives  
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*  
7 Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*  
7 Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share

our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

7 Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

7 Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

7 Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth

8 *O Lord, hear our prayer*

#### **IV. voices 9 and 10**

9 Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O Lord*

9 Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O Lord*

9 Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O Lord*

9 Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O Lord*

9 Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O Lord*

9 Most loving Father, preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O Lord*

9 O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory

10 *Mercifully accept our prayers, O 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.
- 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.*