

# 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.

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Psalm 51 and The Litany of Penitence (*The Book of Common Prayer* pages 266-9) have been set in between sections I and VI of The Great Litany from *Enriching Our Worship* Volume 1 (pages 46-49). For intercessory prayers for the wider community and world, Form IV Prayers of the People (BCP 388-9) are used. We conclude our prayer time together with The Lord's Prayer, the Versicle and Response for The Great Litany (page 153) and the Prayer Attributed to Saint Francis (page 833).

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, this Litany is arranged for 12 voices. 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 pray the italicized responses silently (the voice of the people). If your microphone is muted, pray as much of the liturgy out loud as you feel led.

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

Assignment of voices begins 5 minutes before the service begins. If you do not wish to pray out loud, you are welcome to turn off your camera as well as mute your microphone.

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. Psalm 51 in 12 voices**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 1 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 2 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 3 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 4 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 5 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 6 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### **III. Litany of Penitence: Voices 3 and 4**

- 3 Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and  
to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have  
sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.
- 4 We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
- 3 Have mercy on us, Lord.
- 4 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- 3 Have mercy on us, Lord.

4 We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.  
3 Have mercy on us, Lord.  
4 We have been unwilling to answer your call to serve, as Christ served us.  
3 Have mercy on us, Lord.  
4 We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
3 Have mercy on us, Lord.

### - **Voices 5 and 6**

5 We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
6 We confess to you, Lord.  
5 Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
6 We confess to you, Lord.  
5 Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
6 We confess to you, Lord.  
5 Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
6 We confess to you, Lord.  
5 Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
6 We confess to you, Lord.

### - **Voices 7 and 8**

7 Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
8 Accept our repentance, Lord.

- 7 For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
8 Accept our repentance, Lord.
- 7 For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
8 Accept our repentance, Lord.

## - **Voices 9 and 10**

- 9 Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
10 Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.
- 9 Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
10 That we may show forth your glory in the world.
- 9 By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
10 Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
- 9 We beseech you, O God: to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit; that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **IV. Prayers of the People: 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.

8 Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
9 Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
10 where there is injury, pardon;  
11 where there is discord, union;  
12 where there is doubt, faith;  
1 where there is despair, hope;  
2 where there is darkness, light;  
3 where there is sadness, joy.  
4 Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
5 to be understood as to understand;  
6 to be loved as to love.  
7 For it is in giving that we receive;  
8 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
9 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen*  
10 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.*

*The ringing of a bell ends the service*

