

# Aidan Compline

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Antiphon to the Nunc Dimittis from The Daily Office, SSF, Mowbray 2010*

Father, Son and Holy Dove  
lift us into Love  
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hold us, shape us,  
heal us, bless us  
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lift us into love.

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Music: 'Living God', Daniel Iverson*

## Psalmody

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Psalm 18: 1-2, 16:7-8*

I love you, O Lord my strength.  
the Lord is my rock,  
my fortress and my deliverer.  
My God is my rock  
In whom I take refuge.

I will praise the Lord who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be shaken.

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Scripture reading

While staying with them, he ordered them not to  
leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise  
of the Father.

*"This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;  
for John baptized with water, but you will be  
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from  
now."*

*Acts 1: 4-5*

## Response

**Into your hands, I commit my spirit;  
Redeem me, O Lord, the God of Truth**

## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed  
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is  
offered for*

- the priest, clergy team, people and  
community of Ss. John & James, Bootle, in  
Liverpool Diocese*
- and for the Leicester Diocese.*

*We begin by making the sign of the Cross*

## Preparation

**In the Name of the King of Life;  
in the Name of the Christ of Love;  
in the Name of the Holy Spirit:  
the Triune of my strength.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

*Psalm 97:5*

## Hymn

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us.  
break us, melt us,  
mould us, fill us,  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us.

## **Intercession...**

Father abide  
Christ beside  
Spirit reside  
The Three shield

Lord, be with all  
who watch and wait this night;  
with all who are unwell,  
and those who care for them;  
In their weakness be their strength.  
In their troubles be their peace.  
In their danger be their shelter  
In their fears be their hope

Be the strength of God  
between us and each weakness  
Be the light of God  
between us and each darkness  
Be the joy of God  
between us and each sadness  
Be the calm of God  
Between us and each madness  
Be the life of God  
between us and each death  
Be the Spirit of God  
between us and each breath  
Be the Love of God  
between us and each sigh  
Be the presence of God  
with us now and for ever.

Risen Lord,  
Loving Parent  
Life-giving Spirit  
enfold those who lead and guide us  
in wisdom and compassion  
guide them in the ways of justice and peace

Spirit of God,  
the one breath of all life  
breathe life and unity  
upon our Church in its dispersal

*bless all our church families... especially this night  
we pray for the priest, clergy team and people of  
Ss. John & James, Bootle; for her works of love,  
compassion and witness. And for the Leicester  
Diocese, and for her bishop and people.*

Creating Lord  
source of all imagination  
inspire us with new ways to hold together  
and reach out in love

Risen Lord Jesus, Word of Life  
Give us your joy, your hope, your promise  
transform us by your wounds,  
make us your hands  
to help, support, encourage  
and your heart to love  
as your Body here on earth.

Holy God, Three in One,  
enfold in love  
heal in mercy  
and hold in delight  
those who have died.  
Shield and encircle those who mourn  
O Jesu, O Spirit, O loving Father,  
hold.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Holy Three in One,  
Lift these prayers this night  
and hold us and all creation  
always in the circle of your love

The God of life with guarding hold us;  
the loving Christ with guarding fold us;  
the Holy Spirit, guarding, mould us;  
each night of life to aid, enfold us;  
each day and night of life uphold us.

## **Collect for Ascension**

O bridge-builder God,  
the One who brings to us the life of God  
from heaven  
and takes the humanity of creation  
into the Divine,  
place into our hearts  
the love of building bridges  
between alienated peoples,  
the desire to reach out beyond our fears,  
and the courage to abandon our ambivalence  
that leaves us broken from others.  
clothe us with that unusual power,  
sourced from deep within your heart  
and fill us with a joy  
that makes little or no sense  
in our crazed and troubled world. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive them  
that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**Alleluia! The Holy Spirit, the Advocate,  
alleluia, shall teach you all things.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Now, Lord,  
you let your servant go in peace\*  
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation\*  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations\*  
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever,  
world without end.  
Amen**

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alleluia, shall teach you all things.  
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## ***Blessing and departure***

We are placing our souls and our bodies  
under thy guarding this night, O Christ.  
May thy cross this night be shielding us.

The peace of the Father of joy,  
the peace of the Christ of hope,  
the peace of the Spirit of grace,  
be ours this night.

**May the peace of the Lord Christ  
go with us,  
wherever we may wander,  
may he guide us through the wilderness,  
protect us through the storm.  
May he bring us back rejoicing,  
at the wonders he has shown us,  
may he bring us back, rejoicing,  
once again through those doors.**

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.**

**Amen**

Goodnight ....