

# Aidan Compline

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## 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 the S. Peter, Stockton on Tees,  
in the Durham Diocese*
- and for the Durham Diocese.*

*We begin by making the sign of the Cross*

## Preparation

**I make the cross of Christ  
upon my breast,  
over the tablet of my hard heart,  
and I beseech  
the Living God of the universe –  
may the Light of lights  
come to my dark heart from thy place;  
may the Spirit's wisdom come  
to my heart's tablet from my Saviour.  
Amen.**

Holy Jesu, Way, Truth and Life  
our shield, our encircler,  
each day, each night,  
each light, each dark.

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Be near us, uphold us;  
our treasure, our triumph.

## Hymn

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity;  
in perfect harmony, the man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility, and washes our feet

O, what a mystery; meekness and majesty!  
Bow down and worship,  
for this is your God;  
this is your God

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence;  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life;  
conquering through sacrifice;  
and, as they crucify, prays 'Father forgive'

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Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible;  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity  
to the heights of his throne

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for this is your God;  
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## Psalmody

**Search me out, O God,  
and know my heart**

How precious to me  
are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.  
When I awake, I am still with you.

*Psalm 139: 17-18*

**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.**

**Search me out, O God,  
and know my heart**

## **Scripture reading**

‘“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you”.

*Matthew 5: 38-42*

## **Response**

**Into your hands, I commit my spirit;  
I give it to you  
with all the love of my heart.**

## **Intercession...**

**My dear ones, O God,  
bless thou and keep,  
in every place where they are.**

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  
S. Peter, Stockton on Tees; for her works of love,  
compassion and witness. And for the Durham  
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 in your wounds, your Risen Life,  
your Spirit,  
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

### Collect

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life,  
in Jesus Christ your Son  
**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 Lord is risen, alleluia,**  
**as he promised to you. 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**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,**  
**as he promised to you. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

O Christ, Son of the living God,  
may your holy angels guard our sleep,  
may they watch over us as we rest  
and hover around our beds.

Let them reveal to us in our dreams  
visions of your glorious truth,  
O High Prince of the universe,  
O High Priest of the mysteries.

May no dreams disturb our rest  
and no nightmares darken our dreams.  
May no fears or worries delay  
our willing, prompt repose.

May the virtue of our daily labours of love  
hallow our nightly prayers.  
May our sleep be deep and soft  
so our hearts be renewed and refreshed.

Christ without sin,  
Christ of wounds,  
We are placing our souls and our bodies  
Under thy guarding this night,

Christ of the poor, Christ of tears.  
Thy cross be our shielding this night,  
O thou Son of tears,  
of the wounds, of the piercing.

Circle us, Lord,  
Keep protection near  
And danger afar.

Circle us, Lord,  
keep light near  
and darkness afar.

Circle us, Lord,  
Keep peace within;  
Keep evil out.

### ***Blessing and departure***

We will lie down and sleep in peace  
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

We are going now into sleep:  
O be it in thy dear arm's keep  
O God of grace, that we shall wake.

**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 ....

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