

Aidan Compline

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Scripture from the NRSV

*Collect from 'Alternative Collects: prayers to a disruptive and
compassionate God', Graham Turner, Sacristy Press, 2018
Antiphon to the Nunc Dimittis from The Daily Office, SSF, Mowbray 2010*

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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

By the power of your resurrection
Risen Lord, lift us
By your conquering of death
Risen Lord, lift us
By your triumph over the grave
Risen Lord, lift us
By your descending into hell
Risen Lord, lift us
By your appearing to Mary
Risen Lord, lift us

By your peace offered to the disciples

Risen Lord, lift us

By your abiding at Emmaus

Risen Lord, lift us

By your accepting of Thomas

Risen Lord, lift us

By your presence ever with us

Risen Lord, lift us

*David Adam, 'Music of the Heart:
New psalms in the Celtic tradition', SPCK, 2004*

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: 'Blaenwern' William P Rowlands (HON Anglican 321a)

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

“But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”

John 16: 5 - 7

Response

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

prayers for the Church and the world

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 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!**

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**

The Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven
Alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear
Alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen!
Alleluia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer
Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary
Alleluia!
For the Lord is Risen indeed!
Alleluia!

O God,
who by the Resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
brought joy to the whole world,
grant that, aided by the prayers of his mother,
the Virgin Mary,
we may know the joys of eternal life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Goodnight

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