

Aidan Compline

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Scripture from the NRSV, psalm from NIV

Hymn: Text: ascribed to S. Patrick, trans. C F Alexander.

*Had Christ that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen, arisen,
arisen, arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
'til trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number

Had Christ that once was slain....

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

Had Christ that once was slain....

*Text: George Ratcliffe Woodward
Music: 17th Century Dutch*

The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

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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our shield, our encircler,
each day, each night,
each light, each dark.
Be near us, uphold us;
our treasure, our triumph.

Hymn

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow,
my Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

Psalmody

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 139: 13-18

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you
because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together
in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in
your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, 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.

**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

Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, 'Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.' When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, 'We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside.' Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. Then someone arrived and announced, 'Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!' Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

Acts 5: 17 - 26

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

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

Collect for Eastertide

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the Way, the Truth and the Life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
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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