***Monday 18th May 2020 Collective Worship – St Thomas Aquinas***

*If you can, it might help to set aside a space for prayer, light a candle to focus.*

**Collective Worship**

1. Start with the Sign of the Cross
2. Take time to read yesterday’s reading: **1 Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

1. **Short Reflection**

When we set apart Christ as Lord, it will change us. Peter says those who observe us will notice the difference. That difference is hope. "How can you be so hopeful in such difficult circumstances?"

Hopefulness and joy are starkly different from the normal human response to suffering.
We can show hope through gentleness and respect. Christians are not called on to condemn those who are curious about our hopefulness. We can share our faith through our acts of kindness, by being helpful at home and by trying to get along with our brothers and sisters.

**Prayer to Mary in the month of May**

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

**Hail Mary**
*Hail Mary full of Grace,*

*the Lord is with thee*

*Blessed art though amongst women*

*and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*pray for us sinners now*

*and at the hour of our death Amen.*

1. **School Prayer**

*Christ, you are the centre of our school community*

*Help us to live together in peace*

*Help us to love one another as you have loved us*

*Help us to learn your ways so that the truth will set us free.*

*Amen*

1. St Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us
2. Finish with the Sign of the Cross

# *Suggested song for the day:* Avishai Cohen – ‘Song of Hope’ (Official Video)

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R84GNvcwh5w>