***Thursday 21st 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 today’s scripture on the Feast of The Ascension: Acts 1: 1-11

‘Alleluia, alleluia! … I am with you always; yes, to the end of time alleluia’ (Gospel acclamation)

‘This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

1. **Short Reflection**

The feast of the Ascension points to our destiny and future. It provides a glimpse into our lives beyond the grave. Only Christ can open heaven and bestow the gift of eternal life.

Pope Francis says: “If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour.”

In our hearts we pray constantly: “Come, Lord Jesus, come.”

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

Holy Virgin Mary, you are reigning in glory, with Jesus, your Son.

Remember us in our sadness. Look kindly on all who are suffering or facing any difficulty.
Have pity on those who are separated from someone they love.
Have pity on the loneliness of our hearts.

Have pity on the weakness of our faith and love.

Have pity on those who are weeping, on those who are praying, on those who are fearful.

Holy Mother, please obtain for all of us hope and peace with justice.

Amen.

**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
3. *Suggested song for the day: ‘The Ascension’ by Phil Wickham*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23u5t5__WPc>