***Wednesday 15th July 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 Gospel: **Matthew 11: 25-27**

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’

1. **Short Reflection**

In this reading we meet again the passionate Jesus and he clarifies for us what he is passionate about. We see that he is consumed by a desire to reveal his Father’s “gracious will” to all, and that each of us need to have the openness of a little child to it. Be with Jesus and listen to his deepest desire for you. Perhaps this desire is more that you would appreciate all that you already are, than all you yet might become.

I share Jesus' joy and gratitude for the great gift of the Father's showing himself to us, especially to those who are small. I ask for the grace not to consider myself wise and intelligent before God's greatness, but become like a little child, willing to listen and learn, to be surprised by how and what God tells me about himself.

During the last few months, what have I been grateful for? Think of some examples: the NHS, our family, listening to the birds…

1. **Prayer:**

I thank you, for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair, or difficult. When my heart feels stretched and empty, and pools of tears form in my weary eyes, still I rejoice that you are as near to me as my next breath and that in the midst of turbulence, I am growing and learning. Amen.

**Let us bring all our prayers to our Mother Mary as we say:**

1. **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: ‘Give thanks’ Christian Music*

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXBxImes110>