

PROPER of the MASS
ST THOMAS AQUINAS

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Ecclesiasticus 15: 5 INTROIT

IN MEDIO Ecclesiae aperuit os ejus: et implevit eum Dominus spiritu sapientiae, et intellectus: stolam gloriae induit eum. *Ps. 91: 2.* Bonum est confiteri Domino: et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime. Gloria Patri.

In the midst of the Church the Lord opened his mouth: and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: He clothed him with a robe of glory. *Ps.* It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy Name, O Most High. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

DEUS, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Thomae Confessoris tui mira eruditione clarificas, et sancta operatione fecundas: da nobis, quaesumus; et quae docuit, intellectu conspicere, et quae egit, imitatione complere. Per Dominum.

O God, through Whom Thy Church is glorified by the wonderful learning of Thy blessed Confessor Thomas and profiteth still from his holy labours: grant, we pray, that we may grasp his teaching with our minds and show it, as he did, in our lives. Through our Lord.

Wisdom 7: 7-14 EPISTLE

OPTAVI, et datus est mihi sensus: et invocavit, et venit in me spiritus sapientiae: et praeposui illam regnis et sedibus et divitias nihil esse duxi in comparatione illius: nec comparavi illi lapidem pretiosum: quoniam omne aurum in comparatione illius, arena est exigua et tamquam lutum aestimabitur argentum in conspectu illius. Super salutem et speciem dilexi illam, et proposui pro luce habere illam: quoniam inextinguibile est lumen illius. Venerunt autem mihi omnia bona pariter cum illa, et innumerabilis honestas per manus illius, et letatus sum in omnibus: quoniam antecedebat me ista sapientia, et ignorabam quoniam

I wished, and understanding was given me; and I called, and the spirit of wisdom came upon me; and I preferred her before kingdoms and thrones, and esteemed riches, nothing in comparison of her. Neither did I compare unto her any precious stone, for all gold in comparison of her is as a little sand, and silver in respect to her shall be counted as clay. I loved her above health and beauty, and chose to have her instead of light, for her light cannot be put out. Now all good things came to me together with her, and innumerable riches through her hands. And I rejoiced in them all: for this wisdom went before me, and I knew not that she was the mother of them all:

horum omnium mater est. Quam sine fictione dedici, et sine invidia communico, et honestatem illius non abscondo. Infinitus enim thesaurus est hominibus: quo qui usi sunt, participes facti sunt amicitiae Dei, propter disciplinae dona commendati.

Psalm 36: 30-31

OS JUSTI meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquentur iudicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.

Psalm 111: 1-3

BEATUS vir, qui timet Dominum: in mandatis eius cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur. Gloria et divitiae in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.

Matthew 5: 13-19

IN illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Vos estis sal terrae. Quod si sal evanuerit, in quo salietur? Ad nihilum valet ultra, nisi ut mittatur foras, et conculcetur ab hominibus. Vos estis lux mundi. Non potent civitas abscondi supra montem posita. Neque accendunt lucernam, et ponunt eam sub modio, sed super candelabrum, ut luceat omnibus, qui in domo sunt. Sic luceat lux vestra coram hominibus, ut videant opera vestra bona, et glorificent Patrem vestrum, qui in caelis est. Nolite putare, quoniam veni solvere legem, aut prophetas: non veni solvere, sed adimplere. Amen quippe dico vobis, donec transeat caelum et terra, iota unum, aut unus apex non praeteribit a lege, donec omnia fiant. Qui ergo solverit unum de mandatis istis minimis, et docuerit sic homines, minimus vocabitur in regno caelorum: qui autem fecerit, et docuerit, hic magnus vocabitur in regno caelorum.

which I have learned without guile, and communicate without envy and her riches I hide not; for she is an infinite treasure to men: which they that use, become the friends of God, being commended for the gift of discipline.

GRADUAL

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment. The law of His God is in his heart: and his steps shall not be supplanted.

TRACT

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

GOSPEL

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, Who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and so shall teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 91: 13

JUSTUS ut palma florebit: sicut cedrus, quae in Libano est, multiplicabitur.

SANCTI Thomae Confessoris atque Doctoris, nobis, Domine, pia non desit oratio: quae, et munera nostra conciliet; et tuam nobis indulgentiam semper obtineat. Per Dominum.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeternus Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominiones, tremunt Potestates. Caeli, caelorumque Virtutes ac beata Seraphim socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti, jubeas, supplici confessione dicentes:

Luke 12: 42

FIDELIS SERVUS et prudens, quem constituit dominus super familiam suam: ut det illis in tempore tritici mensuram.

UT nobis, Domine, tua sacrificia dent salutem: beatus Thomas Confessor tuus et Doctor egregius, quaesumus, precator accedat. Per Dominum.

OFFERTORY

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

SECRET

May the holy prayer of Saint Thomas, Thy Confessor and Doctor, fail us not, O Lord: may it render our offerings acceptable, and ever obtain for us Thy pardon. Through our Lord.

COMMON PREFACE

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: through Christ our Lord. through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominions worship, Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with them we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted, while we say in lowly praise:

COMMUNION

The faithful and wise servant, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

POSTCOMMUNION

May blessed Thomas Thy Confessor and illustrious Doctor intercede for us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that these Thy sacrifices may obtain for us salvation. Through our Lord.