



PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

ADORO TE DEVOTE

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Hymn of adoration and thanksgiving after Communion



LATIN

Adóro te devóte, latens Déitas,
Quæ sub his figúris vere látitas:
Tibi se cor meum totum súbjicit,
Quia te contémplans totum déficit.

Visus, tactus, gustus in te fállitur,
Sed audítu solo tuto créditur;
Credo quidquid dixit Dei Fílius:
Nil hoc verbo veritátis vérius.

In cruce latébat sola Déitas,
At hic latet simul et humánitas;
Ambo tamen credens atque cónfitemens,
Peto quod petívit latro pœnitens.

ENGLISH

I adore you devoutly, hidden Godhead,
who truly lie concealed beneath these
appearances:
to you my heart wholly submits itself,
for, contemplating you, it wholly fails.

Sight, touch and taste in you are deceived,
but by hearing alone one safely believes;
I believe whatever the Son of God has
said:
nothing is truer than this word of truth.

On the cross the Godhead alone was
hidden,
but here the humanity is hidden as well;
yet believing and confessing both,
I ask what the penitent thief asked.

Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intúeor;
Deum tamen meum te confíteor:
Fac me tibi semper magis credere,
In te spem habére, te dilígere.

O memoriále mortis Dómini,
Panis vivus vitam præstans hómini,
Præsta meæ menti de te vívere,
Et te illi semper dulce sápere.

Pie pellicáne, Jesu Dómine,
Me immúndum munda tuo ságuine,
Cujus una stilla salvum fácere
Totum mundum quit ab omni scélere.

Jesu, quem velátum nunc aspício,
Oro fiat illud quod tam sítio:
Ut te reveláta cernens fácie,
Visu sim beátus tuæ glóriæ. Amen.

The wounds, as Thomas did, I do not
behold;
yet I confess you to be my God:
make me ever believe in you the more,
place my hope in you, and love you.

O memorial of the Lord's death,
living Bread that gives life to man,
grant to my soul to live by you,
and ever to taste your sweetness.

Loving pelican, Lord Jesus,
cleanse me, unclean, in your blood,
a single drop of which can save
the whole world from all its sin.

Jesus, whom now I behold veiled,
I pray that what I so thirst for may come
to pass:
that, beholding you with face unveiled,
I may be blessed in the sight of your
glory. Amen.

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