

HYMN : THOMAS INSIGNIS GENERE

Matins hymn for the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

Hymnus

1.

Thomas in-sígnis géne-re, Claram ducens orí- ginem,

Subit ætá-tis téne- ræ Prædi- cató- rum Ordinem. 2. Ty-

pum gessit lu- cí-fe-ri, Splendens in cætu nú-bi- um, Plus-

quam doctóres cé-te-ri Purgans dogma Gen-tí-li- um. 3. Pro-

fúnda scrutans flú-minum, In lucem pandit ábdi-ta, Dum

supra sensus hómi-num Obscú-ra fa- cit cógni-ta. 4. Fit

Pa- ra- dí-si flú-vi- us Quadri-partí-te pérv- us: Fit Ge-

de- ónis gládi- us, Tuba, lagé-na, rádi- us. 5. Laus Patri



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1. Noble by birth and parentage, Thomas, while in the bloom of youth, embraced the Order of Preachers.
2. Like to the star of morn, brightly does he shine amidst the luminaries of earth, and, more than any doctor of the Church, refutes the doctrines of the Gentiles.
3. He explores the depth of mysteries, and brings to light the hidden gems of truth, for he teaches us what the mind of man had else never understood.
4. God gives him to the Church as a fountain of wisdom, like to that four-branched river of paradise. He made him to be her Gedeon's sword, her trumpet, her vase, her torch.
5. Praise, then, be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. And may our God, by the intercession and merits of his saint, admit us into the choir of the blessed in heaven. Amen.