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Agnus Dei  
(Cherubim: Minuit)

On Monday last, on his 500<sup>th</sup> birthday, or the beginning of the 500<sup>th</sup> yr. since his birth, I talked about St Thomas More, the man for all seasons; about his continuing relevance for public life, for today's world, for the primary call of conscience for every individual. Today, I'd like to let you hear his own words, for your prayer and reflection — a prayer of his from prison, and a famous letter he wrote, also from prison, to his favourite daughter Margaret. He wrote many prayers, and a number of spiritual treatises while he was in prison, but unfortunately, I haven't got a copy of any of them at the moment. Perhaps this 5<sup>th</sup> centennial year may see a popularity of some of his spiritual, religious writing which could be a help to many people. But for now, a prayer the beginning of which has become rather well-known and widely quoted:

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And now for a prayer in music, 'O Dom Fili David', by Thomas More's contemporary,

Josquin des Prez.

MUSIC - PRAYERS.

I'd like to conclude today with the letter of St Thomas More to his daughter, an inspiration to reflect on his situation and his attitudes, and to pray oneself.

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22 June