

Thought for the day (and any day!)

‘Life in the Spirit means that spirituality is one of the major focal points of the Christian life. Spirituality is entering into a *conscious* and *intentional* relationship to God.....Life in the Spirit transforms our relationship to the world of the everyday.....we can momentarily see, and can steadfastly know “what is” without the valuations imposed by culture....we see people and nature itself as creations of God, and we are led to be compassionate as God is compassionate.’ *Marcus J Borg*

A Prayer for the week for ourselves

God our Father, source of all love and joy, your Holy Spirit has opened our hearts to understand the Word of your Son Jesus Christ. May he give us the courage now to bring the Good News to all and to set one another free from all that divides us, and from all injustice and hardness of heart, that we may enjoy together your forgiveness, joy and peace. At the end, welcome us into your home to be united forever with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

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Walking together in faith

19th May 2024 **Pentecost** (50th and final day of Easter)

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15am **San Eugenio**, Playa de Las Américas

12 noon **San Blas**, Golf del Sur

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome to everyone to our worship. Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the ‘Birthday of the Church,’ the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Christian disciples to form them into a living and dynamic community and to empower and guide them in their mission. The Spirit, manifested in wind and fire at Pentecost, is often called the breath of God, but perhaps better to say, the fresh air of the life of God that inspires human love and courage, reviving and renewing God’s creative work in the world. Through our

worship today may God's Holy Spirit bring 'fresh air' to our hearts, refresh our faith, and increase our love.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive in one kind only if you prefer. To receive from the chalice, please drink (sip!) from it. We ask you **not** to dip the wafer bread into the chalice. It is more infection risky and is not approved in the Diocese in Europe. **If you require gluten-free bread, please let us know before the service begins.***

Today's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1 – 21. *The Spirit comes as a mighty storm*
Loud noise, a mighty storm, fire, languages – these symbols and metaphors used to describe the first Christian Pentecost tell us forcefully that something totally new was happening. God's Spirit of power was breaking through to bring divided humanity together in a community where there is room for all.

Psalm 104: 1; 26; 31 – 33; 35 – 36, with the response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Romans 8: 22 – 27 *The Holy Spirit, strength in our weakness*
Our Christian living is imperfect, but God knows what is in our hearts and will give us the Holy Spirit to pray in us and give us strength and hope.

John 15: 26 – 27; 4b – 7; 12 – 15 *The Spirit leads us to complete truth*
How the Holy Spirit will make Christians throughout the ages discover the meaning of the words spoken by Jesus who is himself God's living Word.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9) with a Pentecost Preface, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (page 21)

The Easter Dismissal responsory is:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

A collection will be taken at the Offertory.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelope provided, or available at the back of church. It would increase your donation by 25% with no extra cost to you.

Contributions at any time are also most welcome by bank transfer to either our euro or sterling accounts. For security reasons the details have had to be withdrawn from the pew sheet.

Please contact our treasurer Gwen Furmston, in church (San Eugenio) or by email to sgfurmston@gmail.com

We are a completely self-supporting Chaplaincy. Your generous giving is very important to us and much appreciated, helping us to maintain an Anglican presence and ministry in south Tenerife.

Monday, 20th May

2.00pm Church Council meeting at Callao Salvaje (Vicarage)

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

This week open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00am to 2.00pm

For information: Jill Pargeter 711 03 64 74; jillpstone61@gmail.com

Every Tuesday San Blas church is open from 11.00am to 12 noon for private prayer or for someone to chat or pray with you, or just come and find peace and rest for a while. Coffee available.

Thursday, 23rd May

Eucharist: 10.30am at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: James 5: 1 – 6; Mark 9: 41 – 50)

Next Sunday, 26th May Trinity Sunday

Eucharist: Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12 – 17; John 3: 1 – 17)