

A thought for the day

‘The resurrection is not Jesus’ private miracle; it’s the new shape of reality. It’s the new shape of the world. It’s filled with grace. It’s filled with possibility. It’s filled with newness.....It’s a storyline that allows us all to be winners.....*ALL are invited to draw upon this Infinite Source, this Infinite Mystery, this Infinite Love, this Infinite Possibility.*’ - *Richard Rohr*

A Prayer for the week for ourselves

Our God and Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ, for his words of peace and for his food of strength. We believe that he died for us and that you raised him from the dead to be with us, your people today and every day. Help us to be *risen people*, growing in faith and love, and building with him a community and a world where joy and truth, love and justice, peace and freedom are not empty words. For you have made all these things possible in your Son Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

7th April 2024 **Second Sunday 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. In our Gospel today we find the disciples of Jesus, together, afraid, believing and yet doubting, wondering whether the news that Jesus had risen from death was too good to be true. In the same way we have come together as the community of Jesus. Yet we too as individuals are often timid and afraid, filled with questions, perhaps doubts, or with a faith that is fragile. Let us like Thomas in the Gospel be renewed in our coming together in community, that we may discern the Lord’s presence among us and hear his voice, and so be strengthened in faith and 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 4: 32 – 35 *One in heart and soul*

The early Christian communities strongly believed and experienced that the risen Lord was among them. Because of this, they were united in heart and soul and shared their resources with the needy.

Psalm 118: 1 – 4; 16 – 18; 22 – 24, with the response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2 *A life of faith and love*

John begins his first letter with a testimony of Jesus Christ, the Word of life, which calls Christians to fellowship with God in Christ and with one another. He urges them to reject sin and walk in the light of God.

John 20: 19 – 31 *Blessed are those who believe without seeing*

The apostle Thomas would not believe until joining in community with the other disciples he encountered the risen Lord and declared his faith in him. May we too 'see' him in our worship, in our fellowship, in our neighbour and in all the experiences of life. There is now nowhere that he is not present.

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

The Easter Dismissal responsory is:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Church financial giving

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%.

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.

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

Open this week Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am to 2.00pm

(11.30am to 2.00pm on Thursday). Closed Monday and Saturday.

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, 11th April

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Acts 5: 27 – 33; John 3: 31 – 36)

Next Sunday, 14th April Easter 3

Eucharist times and locations as today.

(Readings: Acts 3: 12 – 19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2: 1 – 5; Luke 24: 35 – 48)