

### A thought for the day

*'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and every manner of thing shall be well'.* – Lady Julian of Norwich (1342 – 1416)

‘Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which allows faithful Christians to trust that, indeed, all will be well. I like to think of the resurrection as God’s way of telling us that God can take the worst thing in the world—the killing of the God-Human Jesus—and change it into the best thing: the redemption of the world.’

– *Richard Rohr*

### An Easter prayer for ourselves

Lord God, our Father, with joy we have shared in the Easter meal of your Son Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Through his body and blood, you assure us that we are destined for life in its fullness with him, and that this risen life is already stirring in us. We would ask you to keep filling us with the Spirit of your love, that we may live in the joy of your one people, one in heart and mind, and living for one another and for you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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### ***Walking together in faith***

31st March 2024

**Easter Day of the Lord’s Resurrection**

### **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. This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ’s people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

*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.***

#### 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%.

#### Today's Readings

##### Acts of the Apostles 10: 34 – 43 *Witnesses to the Resurrection*

Peter testifies to the reality of the resurrection: Jesus is truly risen personally, and in believing, trusting, following him, we already have a share in the risen life.

Psalm 118: 1 – 2; 16 – 17; 22 – 21, with the response (v.24):

**This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

##### 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11 *Paul's testimony and proclamation*

In this chapter, which is the first written testimony of the resurrection in the New Testament, Paul emphasises its crucial importance as a historical fact, whatever the nature of Christ's risen body. His resurrection is also the 'first fruits' of our own.

##### John 20: 1 – 18 *The first Resurrection encounter*

The apostles and Mary Magdalene go to the tomb of Jesus. Mary stays there and becomes the first witness to the resurrection. She then goes to the apostles to tell them the good news: 'I have seen the Lord.'

#### ***The Easter renewal of baptismal promises:***

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our

Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice? **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

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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!**