

A thought for the day

‘True encounter with Christ liberates something in us; a power we did not know we had, a hope, a capacity for life, a resilience, an ability to bounce back when we thought we were completely defeated, a capacity to grow and change, a power of creative transformation.’

Thomas Merton

A prayer for the week for ourselves

God of life and saving love, we have enjoyed the presence of your Son Jesus among us, for we have been together in his name, he has spoken for us his words of life and we have shared his table. May he live on in our community, through our attentive presence to one another, our common faith expressed in deeds of love and service, of gratitude and forgiveness, through our efforts to create a better world where there is justice and hope for all. May we thus journey together to you and bear witness that Jesus Christ is our Lord for ever. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

14th April 2024 **Third 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. We continue our joyful celebration that Christ is risen; he walks with us to help us share his resurrection already now in this life until he calls us to share in its fullness. Meanwhile, he is our life *companion* (‘one who shares bread with us’), who sustains us with his love and strength when we struggle and are wounded. He goes with us to help us start rising already above our troubles and fears and failures. Let welcome him

now as he speaks to us and shows himself to us in this act of worship that he has left for us to meet him while we live this life.

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 3: 12 – 19 *In the power of the risen Lord*

A lame man had been given new health and energy in the power of the risen Lord, a power accessible and active through the faith of his followers.

Psalm 4, with the response:

May the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

1 John 3: 1 – 7 *Living as children of God*

This passage is about Christian identity, hope and behaviour: who we are, what we look forward to, and how it affects our living.

Luke 24: 36b – 48 *The risen Christ appears to the disciples*

Two followers of Jesus come breathless from Emmaus with a story of meeting Jesus on the road and recognizing him at supper. Suddenly he is there again, standing among his friends in Jerusalem. He promises them the Spirit to send them out to offer to the world a new way of living.

Eucharistic Prayer: E (pages 14 – 15) with an Easter 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!

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

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

(11.30am to 2.00pm on Thursday). More volunteers would help to keep the shop open daily during the 'quiet' months. Please contact Jill Pargeter if you can help: 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, 18th April

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes
(Readings: Acts 8: 26 – 40; John 6: 44 – 51)

Next Sunday, 21st April Easter 4

Eucharist times and locations as today.

(Readings: Acts 4: 5 – 12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16 – 24; John 10: 11 – 18)