

A thought for the day

‘Parables are made-up stories. Their purpose is not to report something that really occurred. And yet...they are meaningful and meaning-filled, truthful and truth-filled. Their truth does not depend on their factuality; rather they are about meaning, insight, seeing. They are invitations to see something that you might not otherwise see.’ – *Marcus J Borg*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

God our Father, with a generous hand you have sown among us here in this Eucharist the seed of all that is good and true, your Son Jesus Christ himself. However insignificant and disappointing our faith and love may seem now, give us the hope and the courage that he can unite us in a community where love and justice, truth and freedom will prevail until the growing crop of our Christian faith and life is ready for harvest. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

16th June 2024

Third Sunday after Trinity

(11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

The Sunday Eucharist:

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

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

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. In our liturgy today we consider how great things often have small beginnings. Jesus planted the seeds of love and justice, but the results remain poor. Yet we must remain patient, as God stays patient. The kingdom of God will ultimately flourish. In the meantime, each of us is a seed, with the power to grow. Metaphorically (drawing on our first reading), we must become trees and grow branches in which others can take shelter. With God's help these trees will cleanse the suffocating air so that others can breathe and live. With Jesus we give thanks to God for his patience with us, and we pray for patience for ourselves.

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

Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24 *A small shoot is enough for God*

In the language of parable, the prophet declares that from the small remnant of Israel, God will make a new people for himself and will reign over them through his Messiah.

Psalms 92: 1 – 2 & 12 – 15, with the response:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 17 *We trust in the Lord*

In the tensions of a life lived in faith, a Christian tries to live close to Christ and to prepare for the definitive encounter of the Lord. Meanwhile the love of Christ moves us ever forward. If we live in him, we are already a new creation.

Mark 4: 26 – 34 *A tiny seed becomes a big shrub*

God is active, whatever the appearances. God's word will bear fruit. In spite of its humble beginnings, God's kingdom will surpass all expectations. Meanwhile, as Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom of God, we must be rooted in him to live and grow the kingdom in our own lives and activities.

Eucharistic Prayer: G (pages 18 – 19), followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (page 21).

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.

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

This week open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm

(Thursday opening at 11.30am)

For information, please contact Marisha.

Monday, 17th June

2.00pm Church Council meeting at Callao Salvaje.

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, 20th June

Eucharist: 10.30am at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Isaiah 63: 7 - 9; Matthew 6: 7 – 15); followed by:

Renewal of Marriage Vows for Samuel and Charmaine Davis

Next Sunday, 23rd June Trinity 4

Eucharist: Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Job 38: 1 - 11; Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13;

Mark 4: 35 – 41)