

Thoughts for the day

'Christ has no body on Earth now but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which his compassion will look upon the world. Ours are the feet with which he will go about doing good. Ours are the hands with which he will bless people now.' - *St Teresa of Ávila*

'We cannot jump over this world, or its woundedness, and still try to love God. We must love God *through, in, with,* and even *because of* this world. This is the message Christianity was supposed to initiate, proclaim, and encourage, and what Jesus modelled.' - *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord our God, we thank you for trusting us so much that you have handed over to us the very mission of your Son Jesus Christ: to be his visible presence in the world. May we reign with him by learning from him to serve, that people may see that he is alive because we are his body to the world, living and working as he has taught and shown us. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Sunday after Ascension Day)

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. Last Thursday was the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension does not proclaim that the Lord has left us! It declares that the crucified and risen Lord is now fully united with the Father in heaven. It means that Jesus no longer belongs to a small group of people in a small geographical location, but to everyone, everywhere on earth who wants to accept him. We, his followers, the Church, must continue the work he began, and show that he is our living Lord. Let us listen to him speaking to us in this Eucharist and give glory to him and to 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.***

Today's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 1: 15 – 17 & 21 – 26 *The new apostle*
Completing the apostolic circle (after the demise of the traitor Judas) would represent a new spiritual leadership in Israel – 12 apostles for the 12 tribes. The selection of the twelfth apostle depended on long association with Jesus and witness to his resurrection. We read how the disciples chose Matthias to join them as one of the Twelve.

Psalm 1, with the response:

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

1 John 5: 9 – 13 *Whoever has Christ has life*
God has testified to the truth by sending his Son. Those who accept the Son accept that God's testimony is true, and God has given them eternal life. John wishes to show that a church that grasps the love of God in Jesus will be generous in its behaviour, solid in its hope, and warm in its love.

John 17: 6 – 19 *'That they may be one like us.'*
Jesus prays that those whom God has given him may be true to God's name and be one with him as Jesus is one with the Father. His church must be involved in the world but different, distinctively committed to God and to godly living.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9) with an Ascensiontide 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.

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

This week open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00am to 2.00pm
More volunteers would help to keep the shop open every day during these 'quiet' months. Please contact Jill Pargeter if you can help on one day a week (training given): 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, 16th May

Eucharist: 10.30am at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Acts 22: 30 & 23: 6 – 11; John 17: 20 – 26)

Next Sunday, 19th May Pentecost

Eucharist: Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Acts 2: 1 – 21; Psalm 104; Romans 8: 22 – 27; John 15: 26 – 27 & 16: 4b – 15)