

A thought for the day

‘Knowing our true identity as sons and daughters of God can save us thousands of dollars in psychotherapy. Knowing that everyone else is a child of God – and treating them as such – can save the world!’ - *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

We give you thanks, generous Father, for giving us Jesus, your Son, as our food for the road to you and to one another. Give us the will and the creativity to help bring to a hungry world food and a fair share in the riches of the earth. Help us to break the bread of our own lives to create justice, dignity and hope for all. And may you, dear Father, be the highest fulfilment of all our aspirations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

28th July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

(17th 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. From today and for several Sundays, our Gospel readings follow John chapter 6 and focus on Christ as our bread of life. Appropriately, we offer the following invitation to worship:

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company of Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. (Iona Abbey Worship Book)

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

2 Kings 4: 42 – 44 *Bread for the hungry*

In a time of famine, the prophet Elisha orders bread destined for a religious offering to be given to a hungry gathering of prophets (assuming that this group is the same as in the immediately preceding verses). It appears that the loaves and grain available is insufficient to feed them all, but through the prophet God promises that there is even more than enough.

Psalms 145: 9 – 11 & 16 – 19, with the response:

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised

Ephesians 3: 14 – 21 *Living in the love of God*

This passage is a prayer that praises God who has glorious riches with which to bless his people and asks God to strengthen them in faith so that they are planted and founded in love. With the love of Christ in their hearts they may be filled with the whole fullness of God.

John 6: 1 – 15 *Christ, Bread for the hungry and for everyone*

Jesus reveals himself in the multiplication of loaves as the giver of bread to the hungry, showing God's loving concern for the poor of this world. This work of compassion also reveals him as bread of life for everyone who accepts him in faith and love.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9). The Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion follow (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.

Any variations will be announced.

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, 1st August

Eucharist: 10.30am at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Jeremiah 18: 1 – 6; Matthew 13: 47 – 53)

A new initiative at San Blas. Every Friday at noon there is a social meeting over coffee at Kiosco restaurant, an opportunity for regular church members and others to meet in a friendly and informal way. All welcome.

Next Sunday, 4th August Trinity 10

Eucharist: Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Exodus 16: 2 – 4; 9 – 15; Psalm 78; Ephesians 4: 1 – 16;
John 6 : 24 – 35)