

A thought for Holy Week

'I believe that we are invited to gaze upon the image of the crucified Jesus to soften our hearts toward all suffering, to help us see how we ourselves have been "bitten" by hatred and violence, and to know that God's heart has always been softened toward us. In turning our gaze to this divine truth....we gain compassion toward ourselves and all others who suffer.' - *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Loving Father, in this Eucharist your Son Jesus has given himself to us as he gave himself totally on the cross. May we learn from him to keep our hope in you alive and to continue going our way in life also when we do not know what the future holds or when we have to bear heavy crosses. For trusting in you we know that we will rise above our miseries to a life of joy without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

24th March 2024 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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. Today Holy Week begins. Jesus acts out the prophecy of Zechariah by riding a donkey into Jerusalem to demonstrate that his kingship is humble and brings universal peace. The crowd acclaim him, but a few days later another crowd, probably handpicked by the authorities, will shout 'Crucify him!' As we wave our palms and hail him as our victorious king who will overcome sin and death at Easter, let us pray for all who suffer that they may also rise with him to the life he longs for them to live, now and for eternity.

Today's order of service and the first hymn are on separate sheets.

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

Palm Gospel: Mark 11: 1 – 11

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem not as a great secular liberator but in simplicity and service. This will be the keynote of the whole week.

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a. *God will come to my help.*

The suffering servant of God remains faithful to his mission even when persecuted. He relies on God who comes with saving justice.

Psalm 31: 9 – 16 - *said responsorially, see order of service sheet*

Philippians 2: 5 – 11. *Jesus became our Lord through humility.*

God's Son humbled himself to become one of us and to serve us. His mission was vindicated because God raised him up to be Lord of all.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 15: 1 – 39 (a shorter reading of the Passion narrative)

In his suffering and death, Jesus takes on the vocation of the suffering servant of our first reading. Jesus maintains a dignified silence as he is accursed and mocked. The dramatic symbolic account of the tearing of the temple veil signifies that any barrier between humanity and God has been removed and no other ritual sacrifice needs to be offered by human beings following the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

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, Los Gigantes

Open 10.00am to 2.00pm, every day this week.

Come and look for the bargains!

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.

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

10.30am at **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Exodus 12: 1 – 4 & 11 – 14; Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26; John 13: 1 – 15).

Good Friday, 29th March

Liturgy of the Cross (joint Anglican/Roman Catholic)

3.00pm at **San Blas**, Golf del Sur

(Readings: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4: 14 – 16 & 5: 7 – 9;
The Passion according to John 18: 1 – 19: 42)

Next Sunday, Easter Day, 31st March

Eucharist of the Resurrection:

Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43; Psalm 118; I Corinthians 15: 1 – 11;
John 20: 1 – 18)

Please remember that the clocks will have gone forward one hour!