

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

Sunday, 13th June 2021; **Second Sunday after Trinity**

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15 am **San Eugenio**, Pueblo Canario, Las Americas

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. But we have to be patient so that what is begun has time to mature. 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, I must become a tree and grow branches in which others can take shelter. With God's help this tree will clean the suffocating air so that others can breathe and live. With Jesus we give thanks to God for his patience with us, and we ask for patience for ourselves.

As usual for these times voiced hymns (unannounced but in the order in which they appear on the hymn boards) will be played during the service. Please remain seated. You are welcome to sing

softly or hum behind your mask! At Communion time, the sacrament (one kind only) will be brought to you at your seat unless otherwise announced.

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 – 3 & 13 – 15, with the response:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10 *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: E (pages 14 – 15), with an alternative Preface for any 'ordinary' Sunday.

After the services at San Eugenio and San Blas all are welcome to some fellowship time at the usual cafes.

Church financial giving

At this time of Covid-19 precautions, no collection is taken at the Offertory, so please place your offering in the basket provided at the back of the church as you leave. Alternatively, or additionally, contributions will be most welcome by bank transfer to either our euro or sterling accounts. The details are as follows:

For Euros:

Bank: Santander

Account Number: 0049 5857 71 211 600 2325

Account Name: Capellania Anglicana de Tenerife Sur

For Sterling:

Natwest Bank

Account Number: 63550873

Sort Code: 60 – 08 – 31

Account Name: St Francis Anglican Church of Tenerife South

Enquiries, please contact Gwen Furnston, Treasurer – 922 240 863

Monday, 14th June: **Church Council meeting** at Callao Salvaje.

Our Charity Shop, Los Gigantes

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Closed on Mondays until further notice. Come along and look for the bargains. Donations of suitable items always most welcome. Enquiries – please contact Marisha.

Sunday, 20th June Trinity 3

Eucharist:

Times and locations as today

(Readings: Job 38: 1 – 11; Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13;
Mark 4: 35 - 41)