

A thought for the day

The core message of the incarnation of God in Jesus is that the Divine Presence is here, in us and in all of creation, and not only 'over there' in some far-off realm.' *Richard Rohr*

A Prayer for the week for ourselves

Loving God and Father, we thank you for the bread of himself which Jesus our Good Shepherd has given us. May he be the cornerstone, the foundation, on which we build our lives and your kingdom on earth, a kingdom of justice, love and peace, and of solidarity with each other in Christ, with other people indiscriminately, and with the creation. May we learn from him to live for one another and for all. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 25th April 2021: **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15 a.m **San Eugenio** Pueblo Canario, Las Americas

12 noon **San Blas** Golf del Sur

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo** Los Gigantes

The Easter greeting:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Welcome to everyone to our worship. It is very reassuring to know that our guides or community leaders know us personally and call us by our name. It makes us say or think: they know me and I know them. This enables deeper trust, loyalty and love on both sides. On this 'Sunday of the Good Shepherd' we are reminded that Jesus himself knows us personally. At the same time, the fact that we know him too changes our whole life. For in knowing him, we know God. We experience in him God's goodness and care and

close presence in everyday life. Would that we could also be near to one another, as shepherds who care, and as sheep who are cared for!

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

Acts of the Apostles 4: 5 – 12 *Saved in the name of the risen Lord*
Without fear Peter professes his faith in the risen Christ, in whose name he has saved a man from his disability. It is the name by which, whatever our experience in life including our death, we are all saved.

Psalm 23, with the response:

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 John 3: 16 – 24 *Really children of God*

That we who follow Jesus are God's children is not just a beautiful thought but the deepest reality, because we are united with Jesus, God's beloved Son. If we follow him, try to live as he taught and showed, he lives in us through the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10: 11 – 18 *Jesus, our Good shepherd*

The image of a shepherd and his sheep is perhaps not familiar to all of us, but we can understand this: Jesus has lived as a shepherd of people and has given his life for us, his sheep. As our risen Lord he leads and unites us, not by force but by a personal knowledge of and love for each of us.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9) with an Easter Preface, followed by the Lord's Prayer (page 21)

Margaret Rainton RIP. We will keep an additional minute's silence after Communion followed by a prayer for Margaret who died peacefully

on Friday evening. Funeral details will be announced verbally if already known.

The Easter dismissal:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

After the services at San Eugenio and San Blas, there will be some optional fellowship time at the usual local cafés.

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 Furmston, Treasurer – 922 240 863

Our Charity Shop, Los Gigantes.

Open Monday to Saturday, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Check if visiting this week as there will be some closures due to bereavement.

Next Sunday, 2nd May

Eucharist: 10.15am San Eugenio 6.00pm Espiritu Santo

The usual 12 noon service at San Blas will be cancelled for this Sunday only. All welcome to San Eugenio at 10.15am. During the service the Churchwardens, Jean and Val, will be officially commissioned on behalf of the Bishop for the next 12 months. After the service and coffee fellowship there will be a lunch at the Smart Bakery café. Names and menu choices to Sue Flather by the end of today's service please.