

A thought for the day

‘The meaning of the ascension story raises the question.....: Who is Lord? In its first century context, the choice was between the lordship of God, as known in Jesus, and the lordship of Caesarthe humanly constructed world of domination, injustice, oppression and violence...; it’s about God’s dream for the world versus the common human dreams of wealth and power that far too often have become nightmares.’ – *Marcus J Borg*

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

Sunday, 16th May 2021; **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
(*Sunday after Ascension Day*)

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. Last Thursday was Ascension Day. It certainly does not celebrate that the Lord has left us.! It rather marks a transition and 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, are called to continue the work he began, and to bear witness that he is our

living Lord. Let us listen to him speaking in this Eucharist and give glory to him and to the Father.

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 1: 15 – 17 & 21 – 26 *The new apostle*
How the disciples chose Matthias, to replace the traitor Judas, and join them as one of the twelve apostles.

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 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.

Eucharistic Prayer: E (pages 14 – 15) with an Ascensiontide Preface, followed by the Lord's Prayer (page 21)

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 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

Our Charity Shop, Los Gigantes

Open Monday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Come along and look for the bargains. Donations of suitable items always most welcome. Enquiries, please contact Marisha.

Next Sunday, 16th May; Pentecost, the 50th and final day of Easter

Eucharist:

Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Acts 1: 1 – 21; Psalm 104, selected verses;

Romans 8: 22 – 27; John 15: 26 – 27 & 16: 4b – 15).

Advance notice of Patronal Festival Eucharist:

Sunday, 3rd October, 10.15am at San Eugenio. President and

Preacher: The Venerable David Waller, Archdeacon of Gibraltar.

During the service John will be relicensed for a further 'term' as

Priest-in-Charge. Please make a note of this date and location now.