

Thought for the day

'If Jesus is the representative of the total givenness of God to creation, then perhaps Mary is the representative of humanity, showing us how the gift is received. ...She's a stand in for all of us. When we can say, like her, "Let it be," then we're truly ready for Christmas.' – *Richard Rohr*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

God our Father, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. In this Eucharist you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us hunger now for his coming in the hearts and the homes of all. Fill us with his spirit of service and self-forgetting love, that through us he may become near to the people around us. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Welcome to everyone to our worship. Many times in the past God had promised to bring joy and freedom to his people. He kept his word and promise in a way surpassing by far what people expected: he came to us 'in person,' as one of us, born of a human mother. A few days from now we will celebrate how God gave us Jesus. Today we hear the announcement ('annunciation') to Mary that God would keep his word through her, and Mary gave her word that she would co-operate with God's plan. Like her and with Jesus may we also make or reaffirm our 'Yes' to God here in this Eucharist.

Voiced hymns will be played during the service. Please remain seated. Two of today's hymns are on the sheet provided. (The Communion song, 'Mary did you know,' is not printed). 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). Please stand if you are going to receive Communion, or if preferred, remain seated and indicate that you wish to receive.

Prayer at the Advent Wreath

People of God: prepare! God above all, maker of all is one with us in Christ. Maranatha! **Come, Lord Jesus!**

God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha! **Come, Lord Jesus!**

God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha! **Come, Lord Jesus!**

We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Maranatha! **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Today's readings

2 Samuel 7: 1 – 11 & 16. *A House that will stand forever*

God chooses the house of the dynasty of David, from which in due course a Saviour would be born for his people.

Psalms 89: 1 – 4 & 26 – 28 with the response:

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

Romans 16: 25 – 27 *God revealed in Jesus Christ*

Paul concludes his great letter, his 'Gospel,' by praising God. Let us too praise God, who in his wisdom, has shown himself in Jesus Christ. This is indeed Good News to be proclaimed to the nations.

Luke 1: 26 – 38 *Let it be for me as God has said*

God's plans are fulfilled where people, in all humility like Mary, receive God on God's own terms.

Eucharistic Prayer: B, beginning with a preface for Advent

Acclamation during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

Christmas Day Eucharist:

Thursday, 24th December 6.00pm Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes;

Friday, 25th December 10.15am San Eugenio; 12 noon San Blas

Next Sunday, 27th December Christmas I

Eucharist:

Times and locations as today