

A thought for the day

'When followers of Jesus walk beside him, he leads them in directions they would rather not go, into neighbourhoods they would rather avoid, and to meet other friends of his they might not normally know. As the Scriptures and history show, to be a friend of Jesus means loving others just as he does.' - *Dana L. Robert*

A Prayer for the week for ourselves

God of life and saving love, we have enjoyed the presence of your Son Jesus risen and among us as we have gathered in his name. He has spoken to us his words of life and we have shared his table. May he live on in our community by our attentive presence to one another, our common faith expressed in deeds of love and service, of gratitude and forgiveness, by our efforts to create a better world where there is justice and hope for all. May we journey together to you and bear witness that Jesus Christ is our Lord for ever. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 18th April 2021; **Third 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. Today we consider how our faith in the Risen Lord is a concrete faith, a faith in someone who is risen from death, not a ghost or an illusion, but real. This is the Jesus who walks by our side on the road of life, who sustains us with his love and strength when we struggle and are wounded, who nourishes us with his life and love as we meet, as now, for the Breaking of Bread. He journeys with us to help us start rising already, now in this life above our troubles, fears and failures, until we are taken up in his unending joy and peace. May this be the

Jesus that we identify with and to whom we bear witness in everyday life.

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 3: 12 – 19a *Peter's witness to the risen Lord.*
In his preaching, Peter bears strong witness that Christ is risen from the dead. He asks his hearers to turn to Christ and to let him make them new.

Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7 & 9, with the response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord,

1 John 3: 1 – 7 *Real children of God*

If we are truly united with Jesus, the Son of God, our identity as God's children is not just a beautiful thought but the deepest reality. But we must live lives that reveal our divine calling.

Luke 24: 36b – 48 *Witnesses to the risen Lord*

Jesus appeared to his doubting and fearful disciples to strengthen their faith that he was risen. Peace was his greeting. Then he sent them out to bear witness to his new life. He sends us out to do the same.

Eucharistic Prayer: E (pages 14 – 15) with an Easter 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 service everyone will be most welcome to some fellowship time at the appropriate local café, as will be announced verbally.

(It is appreciated that not everyone will be willing to meet socially during the current pandemic).

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. Come along and look for the bargains.

At the Annual General Church Meeting last Friday, **Jean Kelly** was re-elected and **Val Sainsbury** elected as Churchwardens for the next 12 months. The Wardens will receive the Bishop's official commission at one of our services during the next 2 – 3 weeks. Please pray for our Wardens and Council as they work with the ministry team to meet the challenges of the next year in the life of our church.

Lent Study, week 8; Mark's Easter, now available in written and video form on the website. The recent technical problem has been resolved.

Next Sunday, 25th April, **Eucharist**: Times and locations as today