

### Thought for the day

‘Christian life is a commitment to love, to give birth to God in one’s own life and to become midwives of divinity in this evolving cosmos. We are to be whole-makers of love in a world of change.’ - *Ilia Delio*

### A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord, may I always know you as the One who is coming; may I experience my loneliness as the space for your company, my darkness as the stretching of my sight to your vastness, my coldness as the need for your warmth, my inertia as the sleep to restore your energies.

And then, Lord, take me and use me to be the One who is coming for others. Make me caring towards those who are neglected, sensitive towards all who are hurt. Use me as good news for those who do not know you or cannot find you, and as the spark of joy for those who are low in spirit, anxious or depressed. Amen.

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### ***Walking together in faith***

Sunday, 13th December 2020    **Third 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. In our liturgy today let us open ourselves to the joy of the coming and lasting presence among us of Jesus himself. He comes to us with his peace, his love, his forgiveness, not only on the great feast of his Nativity, Christmas, but in every Eucharist and every day when we are willing to make God’s love and peace grow in us and in our world. So let us rejoice and be happy that the Lord is here among us.

*Voiced hymns will be played during the service in the order that they appear on the hymn boards. 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). 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: return! You are called to be God's own. From the mountains announce the good news. God comes in justice and peace to all who follow his ways. You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ today and for ever.  
Amen.**

#### Today's readings

Isaiah 61: 1 – 4 & 8 – 11 *Rejoice! For God is near to the humble*  
To the poor, the broken hearted, people imprisoned in their fears, the prophet announces in the name of God: Rejoice! Salvation is coming; God is with you.

The Psalm today is the *Magnificat*, the Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46 – 55).  
The response is: **My soul rejoices in God my Saviour.**

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24 *Rejoice! The Lord is coming*  
Paul asks the Christians of Thessalonica to be joyful and to prepare for the coming of the Lord by holy Christian living.

John 1: 6 – 8 & 19 – 28 *He comes as one unknown*  
John the Baptist is God's messenger of Good News to the people who are humble enough to expect God's help. He says that the Saviour is already here, but you have not recognised him.

Eucharistic Prayer: E 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.**

*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, and in an environment where social distancing and other precautions will probably be more relaxed than in church).*

#### **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

**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. Contacts: Margaret Rainton, manager, and Marisha Carter.

Next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4

**Eucharist:**

Times and locations as today

**Christmas Day Eucharist:** 6.00pm (24<sup>th</sup> December): Espiritu Santo; 10.15am San Eugenio; 12 noon San Blas (25<sup>th</sup> December)