

### Thought for the day

'These stories (of the Bible) insist, in a thousand different ways, that we don't have to settle, that tomorrow doesn't have to be a repeat of today, that we don't have to be enslaved to fear or despair – that we can change, move, heal, and we can leave behind whatever needs to be left behind so that we can step into a better future.' – Rob Bell

### A prayer for the week for ourselves

Our God and Father, your Spirit of wisdom and strength was alive in Jesus, your Son. Pour out the same Spirit on us, that we may bear witness in our day to your faithfulness and love. And give us always people inspired by you, to wake us up when we are self-satisfied, and to inspire us to prepare the way for the full coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

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## **The Anglican Church of St Francis, South Tenerife**

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

**Sunday, 6th December 2020    **Second 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 we continue to look for the Lord's coming. In difficult times like ours we may complain that although many things are changing as never before, there is little change on the human level. Wars are still fought, injustices remain or even increase, for now the means to commit them are more powerful. We witness so much hate and division among people. The questions for us to consider and may well be asked of us are: what are we doing about Jesus' good news of love and justice and peace? Are we building roads and bridges of integrity and faithfulness, of trust in God and in one another? Are we preparing a way for the Lord who in whose name we make this earth new? Let us ask Jesus today for strength and confidence to carry out the mission we share with him.

*Voiced hymns will be played during the service in the order that they appear on the hymn boards. You are welcome to sing softly or hum behind*

*your mask! Please remain seated. 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: be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope, therefore; for our God comes to save. You are God's children.

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

**Amen.**

#### Today's readings

Isaiah 40: 1 – 11 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

When his people have suffered in exile, God consoles them through his prophet. God remains faithful to the covenant and he is ready to lead his people once more to freedom.

Psalm 85: 1 – 2 & 8 – 11, with the response:

**Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

2 Peter 3: 8 – 15a *Awaiting a new world*

Christians are urged to be active in preparing for the day of the Lord's coming by living blameless and unsullied lives. The Lord's patience provides an opportunity for lives to be transformed.

Mark 1: 1 – 8 *Preparing the Way for Christ*

John the Baptist prepared the coming of the Lord by his preaching and baptising. We prepare to welcome him by the conversion of our hearts.

Eucharistic Prayer: B 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. 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

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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, 13<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3

**Eucharist:**

Times and locations as today

(Readings: Isaiah 61: 1 – 4 & 8 – 11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24,  
John 1: 6 – 8 & 19 – 28)