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## **SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA**

*The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.*

*A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja/>

### **FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

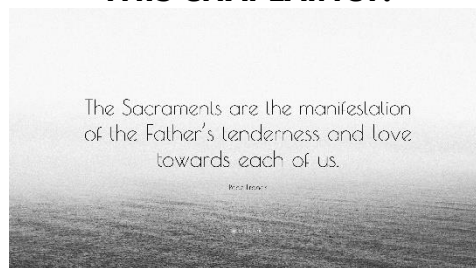
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
THIS CHAPLAINCY.***



## Beginning on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

# Faith & Fellowship

Refreshments after church are back on Sunday mornings. Please stay and chat!

You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink outside La Siesta – as we always used to do. If anyone would like to help, please contact Sue Maude [wardenlasiesta@gmail.com](mailto:wardenlasiesta@gmail.com) and donations of refreshments will be gratefully received. Please bring your own nibbles to consume as we won't be having the crisp bowl back!



## Chaplaincy Bingo Night at the Lago Jardín Pool Bar with Father Richard as our Bingo Caller

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7 p.m.

8 euros to include seven tapas each!

It is great we can offer one of our greatly enjoyed Bingo nights once more. Please tell your friends and bring them along for a fun evening. There will be a raffle and proceeds from the evening will go towards the work of the Church in the Chaplaincy. Please contact Liz Shouksmith if you would like to go: [shouksmithliz@gmail.com](mailto:shouksmithliz@gmail.com) or 674 631 837.



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
**1100 Holy Eucharist**  
**(Live-streamed)**

*All Saints' Day is an important day in the life of the church when we give thanks for the saints, their witness and their prayers. This year our celebration will be online.*



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**ALL SOULS' DAY (at La Siesta Church)**  
**1130 Requiem Mass**

*If you would like the name of a loved one who has died included in the prayers, please **email** Father Richard this year **and mark your email ALL SOULS** or write the name **IN BLOCK LETTERS** on the sheet in church. Please do one or the other and not both!  
Names of deceased persons can be emailed up until **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October** and they will be read out in the Prayer of the Faithful.*



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**1130 HOLY EUCHARIST at La Siesta**  
***Including the yearly service at which the members of the Mother's Union renew their commitment***

This will be followed by lunch at a local restaurant to which all are invited. Please contact Jen Copperwheat, the branch president, at [colincopperwheat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colincopperwheat@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

Please also contact Jen if you would be interested in joining the MU or to find out more about it.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**LIVE-STREAMED HOLY HOUR**

**1800 beginning with Evening Prayer**

*A time to watch the Blessed Sacrament and be led in prayer from home and to give thanks to the Lord for his Eucharistic presence.*



## 100 CLUB 2022 correction

Dear Friends

The recent information in the newsletter concerning the 100 Club 2022 was incorrect. My apologies. I had gotten mixed up with the procedures for previous years forgetting that it changed last year.

All the information remains the same apart from the dates for paying subscriptions which is now a little later.

Subscriptions will be collected between **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

Thank you for your support  
Joan Berry

### **Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd**

Sue Brassington is now selling homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you, Sue!

### **FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY**

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

You can give in the plate each week.

You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.

You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time. Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.



## **From the Churchwardens:**

How wonderful to see so many returning to our Church, along with our own people we also had those returning from the UK. Those we have not seen for so long. How refreshing. We would like to thank those who have worked tirelessly to prepare and clean the Church so that we may worship safely and Beth for her hard work. We must also be grateful that we had La Siesta Church for our worship. As the only Church we could safely use. Without it we would have had to rely on live streaming as our only way of worship. We are aware that some will not worship at La Siesta as "they do not like the church". But please remember a church is set apart for the glory and worship of God, worship we offer from our hearts. Its appearance is secondary. What is important is the altar where we come to share in worship and the Eucharist. We sing "we stand on holy ground" in the hymn *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here*. It doesn't matter what the holy ground looks like!

As you may be aware we the Churchwardens have now had to take on the role of Treasurers. An unenviable task but one we do our best to our ability. Trying to balance the books can be difficult at times but we are extremely grateful to Father Richard for volunteering to work on half his Stipend. This has halved not only his Stipend but also the Social Security payment we have to make. Plus, with the generous donation of Eric Nichols car and a small legacy this gave us the means of returning the rental car and this has made it possible to seeing our way into the future. Without these arrangements we would now be in a serious financial situation. After a great deal of time and energy filling in various forms, we have now been provided with another Hardship Grant. We are extremely grateful to the Diocese for their help in this respect. This doesn't mean we can relax. Come next year at this time we may be in difficult waters again. We must try and keep our giving as high as we can possibly manage. We are heavily reliant on people who pay by standing orders, especially from the UK. Without these payments we would not survive. This form of payment for us as Treasurers is by far the best way to pay your giving. It means we know what is coming each week and we can budget much better this way. Please think about paying your collection this way, we can give you all the information you need and help you to set up the standing order. For those who can do this themselves the bank information is at the end of this letter. Finally, we thank you for remaining part of our Chaplaincy through these very difficult times. We look forward to the time (who knows when) that we can return to Los Balcones and Lago Jardin Churches.

**Spanish Bank details.** Banco Sabadell.

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

BSAB ESBB / Capellana Anglicana de Torrevieja

**UK Bank details.** Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39. Swiftbic: BUKBGB22

God bless you all for your support.

Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)



### **Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja**

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved. If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home. You will be recorded as attending for track and trace purposes.

**A STRICT 1.5 METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE IS IN PLACE. You will be shown to and escorted from your seat.** Thank for your understanding and co-operation.

#### **THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD**

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy as we begin again in limited circumstances.

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	1700
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	1130
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	1700
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	1700
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	1130 – ALL SOULS' DAY
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	1130
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	1700
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	1130
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1700

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.

2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

*"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."*

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April 2020. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.

**WORSHIP FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD:**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta</i>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta</i>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	0930	Holy Eucharist <i>No Evening Prayer today.</i>	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>No live-streaming</i>		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	1800	Holy Eucharist <i>Clocks go back one hour tonight.</i>	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>





### **The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín**

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

### **Father Richard's Prayer List for October 2021:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:*

Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Cassie Sampson, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Theo, Gerry Hopkins, Father Helge, Solveig Petterson, Eileen Catlin, for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

### **Please pray for the recently departed:**

*For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.*

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### **Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.**

*If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).*

*Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.*

**Father Richard's Study Group...** meets, via Zoom, on the first and third Thursdays of the month. *In recess at the moment.*

### **Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.**

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*



*I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

or,

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.*

## **Sunday 10 October 2021**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Ps 129: 3-4**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

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### **Collect**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### **First reading**

**Wisdom 7:7-11**

#### **I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones**

I prayed, and understanding was given me;

I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 89(90):12-17**

*Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

*Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.

*Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

*Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

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### **Second reading**

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

#### **The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword**

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

**Mt5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia!

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## **Gospel**

**Mark 10:17-30**

### **Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

**Sunday 17 October 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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**First reading**

**Isaiah 53:10-11**

**If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.  
If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.  
His soul's anguish over,  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22**

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,

to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

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## **Second reading**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

### **Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way that we are**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

**Mk10:45**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
Alleluia!

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## **Gospel**

**Mark 10:35-45**

### **The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do

not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

## **Sunday 24 October 2021**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 104: 3-4**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

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### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### **First reading**

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

#### **I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble**

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 125(126)**

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

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### **Second reading**

**Hebrews 5:1-6**

**'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those

who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

**cf.2Tim1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ abolished death  
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.  
Alleluia!

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### **Gospel**

**Mark 10:46-52**

#### **Go; your faith has saved you**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

### **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,



Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For Robert and David our bishops, Jesús, Bishop of Orihuela-Alicante  
and for all clergy and people,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For Felipe, King of Spain, Elizabeth our Queen,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For this community,  
for every city, town and village,  
and for all the people who live within them,

let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather,  
and for abundant harvests for all to share,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, air, or water,  
for the sick and the suffering,  
for prisoners and captives,  
and for their safety, health and salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,  
and for the absolution of our sins and offences,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering  
all who have gone before us in faith,  
and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Mother of God;  
St Peter and Paul, our patrons, and all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;

**All to you, O Lord.**

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,  
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,  
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,  
we may always be defended by your gracious help;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

