

# Anglican Church of San Fulgencio, Spanish Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 11 May 2025 ❖ Fourth Sunday of Easter



**WELCOME:** A warm welcome to this week's church newsletter. *May God bless us this Easter Season.*

**EASTER SEASON:** The season lasts a 'week of weeks' (49 days), plus one day, the 50th day, called *Pentecost Sunday*. Forty days after Easter Sunday is *Ascension Day*, which this year is on – *Thursday 29 May*.

**THIS WEEK'S HERO OF FAITH: Saint Matthias, 14 May** – between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost Sunday, to replace Judas the eleven apostles returned their number to twelve by choosing Matthias by lot (Acts 1:21-26).

The point of being chosen by lot, rather than by some democratic method, indicated the election or choosing by God, rather than by mortals. It appears elsewhere in the Bible (Numbers 26:55; Jonah 1:7).

**PAPAL CONCLAVE:** It is interesting to note that Popes are not chosen by lot. This is because the current papal election process – *the papal conclave* – is a system of election by the College of Cardinals, which has been in place nearly 800 years.

While the early church used more diverse methods of electing bishops, such as, the casting of lots, the current system emphasizes the cardinals' discernment of the Holy Spirit's guidance and the best candidate for the role. Please keep the conclave and our sisters and brothers in the Roman Catholic Church in your prayers.

**DISCIPLES & APOSTLES:** All apostles were disciples, but not all disciples were apostles.

The word *disciple* is derived from the Greek word for 'student' or 'learner.' A disciple is a person who follows a teacher. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a lifelong process of learning from and about Jesus.

The word *apostle* is Greek for 'one who is sent out.' During his earthly ministry, Jesus hand-picked twelve apostles (Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:14). Despite not being directly picked by Jesus, Matthias is numbered with the twelve (Acts 1:26).

In the New Testament, there are other named apostles not listed as being one of the twelve. They include – Saul/Paul, Barnabas, Apollos, Silas and Timothy, Andronicas and Junia, (possibly a married couple or brother and sister), and Mary Magdalene.

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Please pray for *The Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan*.

**NEWSLETTER NOTICES:** Please send all notices to Rev Richard – [rev.rdm@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rdm@gmail.com)

## Services

### This Sunday

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 11 May

10.15 am Morning Prayer

+zoom



*"My sheep hear my voice. I know them.  
and they follow me. I give them eternal life."*

### This Week

Wednesday 14 May

12 noon Worship on Wed

zoom only

### Next Sunday

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 18 May

10.15 am Holy Communion

+zoom

### Next Week

Wednesday 21 May

12 noon Worship on Wed

+zoom

### Future Services

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 25 May

10.15 am Morning Prayer

+zoom

#### ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 29 May

12 noon Holy Communion

+zoom

#### SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Sunday 1 June

10.15 am Morning Prayer

+zoom

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 8 June

10.15 am Holy Communion

+zoom

We are an English-speaking Anglican congregation  
under the care of Bishop Carlos López-Lozano,  
of the Spanish Episcopal Church,  
*Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal (IERE)*.  
We follow the liturgy of the Church of England.



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