



## St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion Service

20 July 2025

*Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen*



Welcome to our service this morning.

The outline for today's service is contained in this service guide and from our [website](#).

You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

*If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.*

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.

It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.

It is through encountering God within worship  
that we are formed and transformed as his people.

As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

### THE GATHERING

*Please stand as we sing our first Hymn:*

#### **Hymn: At the name of Jesus (SoF 32)**

**1. AT THE NAME OF JESUS**  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him  
King of glory now;

*'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.*

**2. Humbled for a season,**  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom He came;  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious,  
When from death He passed.

**3. Bore it up triumphant**  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the central height,

*To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.*

**4. In your hearts enthrone Him;**  
There let Him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true;  
Crown Him as your Captain  
In temptation's hour,  
Let His will enfold you  
In its light and power.

**5. Brothers, this Lord Jesus**  
Shall return again,  
With His Father's glory,  
With His angel-train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

## THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you

**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Please sit or kneel as we pray together :*

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life  
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Please stand as we say together:*

**Glory to the Father,  
the God of love who created us;  
Who continually preserves and sustains us;  
Who has loved us with an everlasting love,  
and given us the light and knowledge of his  
glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God forever.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We sit for our first reading.*

### Genesis 18. 1-10a

*The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to*

*Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.*

*They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."*

....This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE: Psalm 15

*Please say the words printed in bold:*

*1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
**Who may dwell on your holy hill?**  
2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
**and speak the truth from their heart;**  
3 who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
**nor heap shame upon their neighbours;***

*4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honour those who fear the Lord;  
**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**  
5 who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
**Those who do these things shall never be moved.***

*We say together:*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and shall be forever.  
Amen.**

## Gradual Hymn: Jesus shall take the highest honour (SoF 302)

*JESUS SHALL TAKE THE HIGHEST HONOUR,  
Jesus shall take the highest praise.  
Let all earth join heaven in exalting  
The Name which is above all other names.  
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,  
For at His name every knee must bow.  
Let every tongue confess He is Christ, God's only  
Son;*

*Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now.  
  
For all honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You, belongs to You.  
All honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You, belongs to You,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.*

Priest : The Lord be with you.

All : **And also with you.**

Priest: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Luke 10. 38-end

*Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."*

.... This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Please stand .*

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
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.**

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

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please sit or kneel.*

...  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you  
and also with you.  
**and also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

*We sing our Offertory Hymn during which the collection is taken up.*

### Offertory hymn: All I once held dear (SoF 646)

*1. ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.*

*Ref:*

*Knowing You, Jesus,  
Knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.*

*2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.*

*3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.*

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise  
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please remain standing.*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*God is praised for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Last Supper is recalled and we follow with the acclamation:*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*All baptised and communicant members of other Churches are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who do not receive Communion for whatever reason are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the People say AMEN. A short time of silent prayer follows.*

*The priest may say a special post-communion prayer.*

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

#### OUR NOTICES

*Please stand while we sing our Final Hymn.*

**Final hymn: Great is thy faithfulness (SoF 147)**

*1. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my  
Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail  
not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

*Ref:*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*2. Summer and winter, and springtime and  
harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

**THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you:

**Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:

**Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace:

**Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
the holy and undivided Trinity,  
guard you, save you,  
and bring you to that heavenly city,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**



## Giving to Saint-Luke's

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*\*up to a limit for all your charitable giving of 20% of your taxable income*

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require any additional information or have any questions or require assistance, please contact Christopher Burton-Page: [treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com)

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