



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

03 August 2025

Service led by Nancy Austin, Congregational Worship Leader



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.

WELCOME

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: Yet not I, but through Christ

*1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace.*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is
mine"*

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome*

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am
free"*

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat*

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

**Loving Lord, fill us with your new life
and with the joy and peace of your presence.
May we praise you now with our lips
and make room in our hearts for you. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION
Please be seated.

We are a temple of God's indwelling Holy Spirit,
yet we have grieved him.
The temple of our bodies does not belong to us,
but was bought at the price of Christ's precious blood.
So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence,
to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

**God of mercy,
We acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his Kingdom,
Where dust and ashes have no dominion.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
Please stand as we say together :

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone
are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

COLOSSIANS 3.1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: PSALM 107:1-9,43

Please say the words in bold:

*1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.*

***2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.***

*3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

***4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.***

*5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.*

***6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.***

*7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.*

***8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.***

*9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.*

***43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.***

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.**

HYMN: How deep the Father's love for us

*1. How deep the Father's love for us How vast
beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a
wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss The Father
turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring
many sons to glory*

*2. Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon
His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out
among the scoffers*

*It was my sin that held Him there Until it was
accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that
it is finished*

*3. I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power,
no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and
resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot
give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds
have paid my ransom*

We stand for our second reading:

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Please stand.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated.

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

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
Since as members of one body you are called to peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: Christ be our light

During which an offering is collected:

*1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

*(Chorus)
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine
through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.*

*Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.*

*2 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.*

*3 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.*

*Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.*

Chorus

*4 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.*

Chorus

We say together:

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever,
Amen**

OUR NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

FINAL HYMN: The Summons: Will you come and follow me?

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your
name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be
the same? Will you let my love be shown;
Will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in
me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your
name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the
same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in
me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your
name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the*

*same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such
as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your
name? Will you quell the fear inside and never
be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around, through my sight
and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the
same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you
in me*

THE BLESSING

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and
worship you
now and always.**

The dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are invited to refreshments following the service, please stay for a chat and if we can be of help in any way, please speak to the clergy or to a member of the welcome team. You may also contact our chaplain at the following email address: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com.



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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

THANK YOU - your generous giving, whatever the amount, large or small, is so important to us and is greatly appreciated.

						
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