



# St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

17 August 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.

### WELCOME

*Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.*

### OPENING HYMN: O THOU WHO CAMEST FROM ABOVE (SoF 451)

#### *1. O THOU WHO CAMEST FROM ABOVE*

*The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.*

#### *2. There let it for Thy glory burn*

*With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.*

#### *3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire*

*To work, and speak, and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up Thy gift in me.*

#### *4. Ready for all Thy perfect will,*

*My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.*

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.**

*Words of welcome and introduction may follow.*

**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.*

Let us bring to God our sins and ask his forgiveness.  
God our Father, we come to you in sorrow  
for our sins;

For when we turn away from you and  
ignore your will for our lives:  
Father, forgive us:  
**Save us and help us.**

For when we behave just as we wish,  
without thinking of you:  
Father, forgive us:  
**Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think  
and say:  
Father, forgive us:

May the God of love bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Save us and help us.**

For when we let ourselves be drawn  
away from you by temptations in the  
world;  
Father, forgive us:  
**Save us and help us.**

For when we live as if we were  
ashamed to belong to your son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**Save us and help us.**

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

**you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**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:

### HEBREWS 11.29-12.2

*By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.*

*And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn*

*in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.*

*Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

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

### CANTICLE: PSALM 138

Please say the words in bold:

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;  
**in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:**  
2 "How long will you judge unjustly  
**and show partiality to the wicked?**  
3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
**maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.**  
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;  
**deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding;  
**they walk around in darkness;**  
**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**  
6 I say, "You are gods,  
**children of the Most High, all of you;**  
7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals  
**and fall like any prince."**  
8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth,  
**for all the nations belong to you!**

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: O LORD, THE CLOUDS ARE GATHERING (SoF 429)

1. O LORD, THE CLOUDS ARE  
GATHERING,

*The fire of judgement burns,  
How we have fallen!  
O Lord, You stand appalled to see  
Your laws of love so scorned,  
And lives so broken.*

Ref:

*Have mercy, Lord, (Men)  
Have mercy, Lord, (Women)  
Forgive us, Lord, (Men)  
Forgive us, Lord, (Women)  
Restore us, Lord, (All)  
Revive Your church again.  
Let justice flow (Men)  
Let justice flow (Women)  
Like rivers, (Men)  
Like rivers, (Women)  
And righteousness like a  
Never failing stream. (All)*

2. O Lord, over the nations now  
Where is the dove of peace?  
Her wings are broken.  
O Lord, while precious children starve  
The tools of war increase;  
Their bread is stolen.

3. O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood  
Our streets with hate and fear;  
We must awaken!  
O Lord, let love reclaim the lives  
That sin would sweep away  
And let Your kingdom come.

4. Yet, O Lord, Your glorious cross shall tower  
Triumphant in this land,  
Evil confounding.  
Through the fire Your suffering church display  
The glories of her Christ:  
Praises resounding!

We sit for our second reading:

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12. 49-56

*Jesus said, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son*

*and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."*

*He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"*

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

## THE SERMON

### DECLARATION OF FAITH

*Please stand.*

Let us affirm our faith in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

**This is the faith of the Church**

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### 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.*

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

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: RESTORE, O LORD (SOF 483)

*During which an offering is collected:*

1. *RESTORE, O LORD,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That men may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.*

2. *Restore, O Lord,  
In all the earth Your fame,  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your name.  
And in Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.*

3. *Bend us, O Lord,  
Where we are hard and cold,  
In Your refiner's fire  
Come purify the gold.  
Though suffering comes  
And evil crouches near,  
Still our living God  
Is reigning, He is reigning here.*

4. *Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That men may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.*

*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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## OUR NOTICES

## THE SENDING OUT

*We sing our Final Hymn:*

## FINAL HYMN: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (SOF 559)

1. *TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He  
hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His  
Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Ref:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

*2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,*

*That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!*

## 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.**

*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](mailto:chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com).*



## GIVING TO SAINT-LUKE'S

*The Anglican Church of St. Luke's Fontainebleau is 100% self-funded and our ministry depends on God's faithfulness and the faithful giving of time, talents, and money from our congregation as we seek to serve Jesus Christ through welcome, worship, and witness.*

### *GIVING TO ST LUKE'S CAN BE MADE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:*

- 1. Regular monthly giving by bank transfer. This is by far the easiest and most efficient way to provide regular financial support to St Luke's (bank details at the bottom of page).*
- 2. Occasional or one-off donations via Bank Transfer.*
- 3. Regular or occasional giving by cheque: either by sending a cheque made payable to "Eglise Anglicane de Fontainebleau" to the Treasurer or simply placing a cheque in the collection basket during the service.*
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*If you are a French taxpayer, you will receive an annual 'tax certificate' for your giving online, by bank transfer or cheque which will allow you to claim a reduction on your tax (\*)*

*\*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)*

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

						
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