



**St Luke's Church Fontainebleau**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Holy Communion Service**  
**07 September 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: Fight the Good Fight (SoF 107)**

*1. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.*

*2. Run the straight race through God's good  
grace,  
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;  
Life with its way before thee lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.*

*3. Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.*

*4. Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.*

## 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

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We sit for our first reading.*

### Deuteronomy 30. 15-end

*"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to*

*you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE: Psalm 1

*Please say the words printed in bold:*

*Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread  
or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
2  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
3  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.*

*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.**

*In all that they do, they prosper.*

**4**

*The wicked are not so  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

**5**

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgment*

*nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,*

**6**

***for the Lord watches over the way of the  
righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

### Gradual Hym: Like a tree by the water

*Ref:*

*Like a tree by the water,  
I will reach for heaven on high.  
Here by the stream my roots travel deep.  
This river will never run dry.*

*1) Every season I will stand  
In the winter, spring or summer.  
When the storm winds bend me down,  
I will lift my head; I know my anchor holds.*

*[ref]*

*2) In a dry and barren land, through the drought I  
will not wither.*

*There'll be harvest from your hand, though we  
sow with tears,*

*We'll reap with shouts of joy. [ref]*

*Bridge:*

*I will delight in the law of the Lord*

*Day and night, in the word of the Lord  
I will delight in the law of the Lord,  
Day and night in your word, O my Lord.*

*But the wicked will not stand,  
Will not stand [ref]*

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 14. 25-33**

*Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.*

.... 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: Speak, O Lord (SoF 2032)**

*1. SPEAK, O LORD, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.*

*2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.*

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.**

*Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
As the earth is filled with Your glory.*

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.*

**Hymn during Communion: I will offer up my life (SoF 851)**

*1. I WILL OFFER UP MY LIFE  
In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.*

*Ref:*

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name  
For the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful  
heart.*

*2 You deserve my every breath  
For You've paid the great cost;  
Giving up Your life to death,  
Even death on a cross.*

*You took all my shame away,  
There defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven,  
And have beckoned me in.*

*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: O Jesus, I have promised (SoF 418)**

*1. O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my Guide.*

*2. O let me feel Thee near me;  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.*

*3. O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,*

*To hasten, or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.*

*4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servants be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow  
My Master and my Friend.*

*5. O let me see Thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in Thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.*

## 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.**





(Yonne, en Bourgogne)

**17h00**

## Entre recueillement et espérance

**Sous la direction de Carlos Rodríguez Otero**

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### Renseignements :



## 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.
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### TAX CERTIFICATES

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)

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