



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

28 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.

WELCOME

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE (SOF 234)

1. *IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.*

3. *To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;*

*We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth
Thee.*

4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.*

5. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

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 sing together the Peruvian Gloria:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the
Father!
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
the Father!**
To God be glory forever! **To God be
glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
Christ Jesus!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
Christ Jesus!**
To God be glory forever! **To God be
glory forever!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the
Spirit!
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
the Spirit!**
To God be glory forever! **To God be
glory forever!**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

AMOS 6. 1A, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs

to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 146

Please say the words in bold:

*1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;*

*7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise 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: WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR (SOF 1604)

*WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?*

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

*I was hungry and thirsty,
Were you there, were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

*I was cold, I was naked,
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?*

*When I needed a shelter,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?*

*When I needed a healer,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?*

*Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there.*

Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
I'll be there.*

We sit for our second reading:

NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 16. 19-END

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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: BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE (SoF 1187)

During which an offering is collected:

1. BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,

My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.
3. Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

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: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (SOF 902)

*1. LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy;
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.*

*2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe;
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.*

*3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace;
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.*

*4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm;
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.*

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.*



CHURCH NOTICES

Saturday 04 October 2025 – Fête de la Création 2025: a “Care for creation” ecumenical event

An ecumenical gathering of all Christian churches in Seine-Et-Marne will take place on 04.10.2025 at Domaine Emmanuel, 77515 Hautefeuille, from 11:00 to 17:00. There will be several conferences, a shared picnic plus activities for the children. The details of the day are attached in the service sheet email.

Sunday 05 October 2025 - Harvest Festival

Our service next Sunday, 5th October, will be our Harvest Festival. Please bring with you items for us to donate to *Les restos du cœur* in Avon:

- Sardines
- Tinned ravioli (Ravioli en boîte)
- Tinned tomatoes (Tomates pelées)
- Tomato sauce (Sauce tomate)
- Canned sweetcorn (Maïs en boîte)
- Breakfast cereal
- Big boxes of cakes (Gros cartons des gâteaux)
- Tea
- Baby hygiene products (Produits d'hygiène pour bébé)

Men's Breakfast

The first of our Men's Breakfasts will take place (finally!) on Saturday 11th October, 10:00-11:30am at Donald and Netta's apartment, 2 Rue des Bois, Fontainebleau, 3rd floor. All men are warmly invited, whether or not regular attenders at St Luke's. Over coffee, tea, fruit juices and pastries we'll talk about some of the challenges we face as men in the 21st century, and how Christian faith might help us tackle them. The atmosphere will be relaxed, and the format free-flowing. The next two Men's Breakfasts will be held on Saturday 8th November and Saturday 13th December.

Thursday 16 October 2025 – Ecumenical service for the 340th anniversary of the Edict of Fontainebleau

A special ecumenical service will take place at the Couvent des Carmes in Avon from 8pm for the 340th anniversary of the Edict of Fontainebleau which revoked the Protestant religion in France in October 1685. Our chaplain will be one of the priests leading the service. Several events are also organised by our friends from the EPUF Fontainebleau (Protestant church) during that week – see the booklet attached to the service sheet email.

Archdeacon Peter Hooper

On Sunday 19th October Archdeacon Peter Hooper will be taking the service (Donald will be teaching in the UK), during which he will swear in Patrick and Leigh as Churchwardens.

Praise and Prayer evenings

Please put in your diaries two further dates when we come together to praise God for his goodness and pray for our life as St Luke's and for God's world: Friday 31st October and Friday 28th November at 7:30pm at the home of Christopher and Marie-Céline, 31 rue Madame Müller, 77210 Avon.

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.
4. Cash offerings in the collection basket in the service (Euros preferably !). Please consider replacing any giving that you would have made in cash with a cheque or an online donation during the period of suspension of physical services.

** All information concerning giving and donations is private and treated as confidential **

** Standing orders for regular giving by bank transfer can be amended or cancelled at any time **

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

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

						
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