



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

05 October 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: Come ye thankful people (SoF 75)

*1. COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.*

*2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*3. For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.*

*4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.*

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 :*

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources
of the world.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts
carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given
them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and
satisfied,

but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you
have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive 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

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great

nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Psalm 104. 1-24

Please say the words printed in bold:

*1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
2 wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
4 you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
5 You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.*

**6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**
7 At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.
**10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,**
11 giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.

**12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.**

13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,**

15 and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**16 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

17 In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.

**18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.**

19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.

**20 You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come
creeping out.**

21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.

**22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.**

23 People go out to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

**24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

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 Hym: I am the bread of life (SoF 200)

1. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE,
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw him.

Ref:
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.

3. Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you.

4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life,
He who believes in Me
Even if he die,
He shall live for ever.

5. Yes, Lord, we believe
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world.

THE GOSPEL READING

Priest : Alleluia, alleluia.
Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All : **Alleluia.**

Priest : The Lord be with you.
All : **And also with you.**

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

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

John 6. 25-35

When the disciples found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’*

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

.... 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

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the triune God be always 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: For the beauty of the earth (SoF 112)

1. *FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

2. *For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

3. *For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

4. *For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces, human and divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

As you fed five thousand from the gifts of a young boy,
we pray that you will transform our gifts,
to feed those who are hungry, both spiritually and physically,
through the ministry and mission of this church.
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.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.
Blessed be God for ever.

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: Sing to God new songs of worship (SoF 1002)

*1. SING TO GOD NEW SONGS of worship:
All His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
With His hand and holy arm:
He has shown to all the nations
Righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
To His people Israel.*

*2. Sing to God new songs of worship:
Earth has seen His victory;
Let the lands of earth be joyful
Praising Him with thankfulness:
Sound upon the harp His praises,*

*Play to Him with melody;
Let the trumpets sound His triumph,
Show your joy to God the King!*

*3. Sing to God new songs of worship:
Let the sea now make a noise;
All on earth and in the waters
Sound your praises to the Lord:
Let the hills be joyful together,
Let the rivers clap their hands,
For with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with us and those whom we love,
now and for always.
Amen.

ACCLAMATION

Please say the words in bold:

**The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
You soften the ground with showers;
and bless the increase of it.

You crown the year with your goodness;
and your paths overflow with plenty.

The meadows are clothed with sheep;
the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.

The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.

THE DISMISSAL

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



Church Notices

Sunday 05 October 2025 - Harvest Festival

Our service next Sunday, 5th October, will be our Harvest Festival. Please bring with you if you can 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.

In order to plan quantities of food and drink, if you are planning to attend on October 11th please drop an email to Donald: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Sunday 12 October 2025 – Memorial service for INSEAD

A memorial service for the INSEAD alumni will take place on October 12th from 12PM at the EPUF church, 3 Rue Béranger, 77300 Fontainebleau. The service will be led by our chaplain.

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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