



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

Bible Sunday | Last Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

26 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.

WELCOME

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: HARK THE GLAD SOUND (SOF 154)

*1. HARK THE GLAD SOUND! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.*

*2. He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.*

*3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.*

*4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.*

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.

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Let your faithful love come unto me, O
Lord,
even your salvation, according to your
promise:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path:

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is
lost;
O seek your servant, for I do not forget
your commandments.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.

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

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

1 KINGS 22:1-17

For three years Aram and Israel continued without war. But in the third year King Jehoshaphat of Judah came down to the king of Israel. The king of Israel said to his servants, 'Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, yet we are doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?' He said to Jehoshaphat, 'Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?' Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, 'I am as you are; my people are your people, my horses are your horses.'

But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, 'Inquire first for the word of the Lord.' Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred of them, and said to them, 'Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?' They said, 'Go up; for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there no other prophet of the Lord here of whom we may inquire?' The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favourable about me, but only disaster.' Jehoshaphat said, 'Let the king not say such a thing.' Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, 'Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah.' Now the king of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah were sitting

on their thrones, arrayed in their robes, at the threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. Zedekiah son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and he said, 'Thus says the Lord: With these you shall gore the Arameans until they are destroyed.' All the prophets were prophesying the same and saying, 'Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.'

The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, 'Look, the words of the prophets with one accord are favourable to the king; let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favourably.' But Micaiah said, 'As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak.'

When he had come to the king, the king said to him, 'Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?' He answered him, 'Go up and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.' But the king said to him, 'How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?' Then Micaiah said, 'I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd; and the Lord said, "These have no master; let each one go home in peace."*

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 119:105-128

Please say the words in bold:

1 Nun

*105 Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.*

**106 I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.**

*107 I have suffered much;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your
word.*

**108 Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my
mouth,**

and teach me your laws.

*109 Though I constantly take my life in my
hands,*

I will not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your
precepts.**

*111 Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.*

**112 My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.**

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113 I hate double-minded people,
but I love your law.

**114 You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.**

115 Away from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commands of my God!

**116 Sustain me, my God, according to
your promise, and I will live;
do not let my hopes be dashed.**

117 Uphold me, and I will be delivered;
I will always have regard for your decrees.

**118 You reject all who stray from your
decrees,
for their delusions come to nothing.**

119 All the wicked of the earth you discard
like dross;
therefore I love your statutes.

**120 My flesh trembles in fear of you;
I stand in awe of your laws.**

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121 I have done what is righteous and just;
do not leave me to my oppressors.

**122 Ensure your servant's well-being;
do not let the arrogant oppress me.**

123 My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,
looking for your righteous promise.

**124 Deal with your servant according to
your love
and teach me your decrees.**

125 I am your servant; give me discernment
that I may understand your statutes.

**126 It is time for you to act, Lord;
your law is being broken.**

127 Because I love your commands
more than gold, more than pure gold,

**128 and because I consider all your
precepts right,
I hate every wrong path.**

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: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD (SOF 549)

*THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD
never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning,*

*New every morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.*

We sit for our second reading:

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ROMANS 15. 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';
and again he says,*

*'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';
and again,
'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';
and again Isaiah says,
'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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: SPEAK, O LORD (SoF 2032)

During which an offering is collected:

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.
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.*

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: I CANNOT TELL (SoF 205)

1. *I CANNOT TELL why He, whom angels
worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the
wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or
when.*

*But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only
home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
come.*

*2. I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of
tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three-and-thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
here.*

*3. I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,*

*And some glad day His sun shall shine in
splendour,
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
known.*

*4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with
rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will
answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
King!'*

THE BLESSING

Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God;
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

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.

Men's Breakfast

The next two Men's Breakfasts will be held on Saturday 8th November and Saturday 13th December.

Return to Saint-Aspais

We are hoping that we will be able to return to St Aspais on Sunday 9th November. We are planning a special celebratory lunch after the service that day. Ory Eshel will be coordinating the catering arrangements.

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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