



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau
All Saints' Sunday (Fourth Sunday before Advent)
Holy Communion Service
02 November 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: xxx (SoF xxx)

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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 holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading.

Ephesians 1. 11-end

*In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,
having been destined according to the purpose of
him who accomplishes all things according to his
counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to
set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of
his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the
word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and
had believed in him, were marked with the seal of
the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our
inheritance towards redemption as God's own
people, to the praise of his glory.*

*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and
your love towards all the saints, and for this
reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your
heart enlightened, you may know what is the
hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power for us who believe, according to the*

working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is

named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Psalm 149

Please say the words printed in bold:

*1 Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
3 Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
5 Let the faithful exult in glory;*

*let them sing for joy on their couches.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
7 to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
8 to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
9 to execute on them the judgement decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
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.**

Gradual Hym: xxx (SoF xxx)

THE GOSPEL READING

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 6. 20-31

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

*'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.*

*'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.*

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

*'But woe to you who are rich,
 for you have received your consolation.
 'Woe to you who are full now,
 for you will be hungry.
 'Woe to you who are laughing now,
 for you will mourn and weep.
 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,
 pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who
 takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone
 takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

.... 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.

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: xxx (SoF xxx)

1. KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

Ref:

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.*

*In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.*

2. Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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.

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: xxx (SoF xxx)

*1. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my
Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Ref:

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,*

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*2. Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,*

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! |

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.



Church Notices

M&M's

The next meeting will take place chez Katie Taylor on Friday October 17th 2025, at 11AM.

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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