



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

12 October 2025

Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen

Sermon by Nancy Austin, Congregational Worship Leader



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: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

*1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before
me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

Chorus

*2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

Chorus

*3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*

Chorus x2

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:

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.

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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your

flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"? So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 146

Please say the words in bold:

*1 Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
2 Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
3 Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6 He has shown his people the power of his works,*

*in giving them the heritage of the nations.
7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
8 They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.*

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: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART (SOF 124)

*GIVE THANKS with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)*

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'

*Let the poor say 'I am rich,'
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(Repeat)*

*(Last time)
Give thanks.*

We sit for our second reading:

NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 17. 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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: O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

During which an offering is collected:

1. O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me thru' pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru' the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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: AMAZING GRACE (SOF 19)

*1. AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!*

*3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*5. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.*

*6. When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*

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

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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