



**St Luke's Church Fontainebleau**  
**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
*First Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*  
**Service of the Word**  
**18 January 2026**  
*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: THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD (SoF 557)

**1. THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD**  
*Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!*

**2. Thou who didst come to bring,**  
*On Thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight;  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light!*

**3. Spirit of truth and love,**  
*Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth Thy flight;  
Move on the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!*

**4. Blessèd and holy Three,**  
*Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light!*

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

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We sit for our first reading:*

ISAIAH 49. 1-7

*Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he  
named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and  
vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,*

*for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of  
the earth.'  
Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the  
nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate  
themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen  
you.'*

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 40. 1-12

*Please say the words in bold:*

*1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
2 He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
4 Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.  
5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts  
towards us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.  
6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,*

*but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have not required.  
7 Then I said, 'Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
8 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.'  
9 I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.  
10 I have not hidden your saving help  
within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and  
your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.  
11 Do not, O Lord, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness*

*keep me safe for ever.  
12 For evils have encompassed me  
without number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,*

*until I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.*

*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: THERE IS A REDEEMER (SOF 544)

*1. THERE IS A REDEEMER,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.*

*Ref:  
Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit—  
Till the work on earth is done.*

*2. Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.*

*3. When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.*

*We sit for our second reading:*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 1. 29-42

*The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'*

*The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).*

**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.*

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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: 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: HALLELUJAH, SING TO JESUS (SOF 153)

*1. HALLELUJAH! SING TO JESUS;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Hallelujah! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.'*

*2. Hallelujah! not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Hallelujah! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the clouds from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
'I am with you ever more'?*

*3. Hallelujah! Bread of heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Hallelujah! here the sinful  
Flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.*

*4. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Hallelujah! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.'*

## 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](mailto:chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com).*



## CHURCH NOTICES

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### **Area Dean**

Bishop Robert has asked Donald to become Area Dean with responsibilities for Anglican ministry in the Paris area and north east France. This is a voluntary position, undertaken in addition to his other duties. The purpose of the role is defined thus: 'Area deans support the diocesan bishop and archdeacons in the oversight and pastoral care within their designated deanery, while also relaying issues or concerns affecting colleagues and congregations.' Please pray for Donald as he takes on this new responsibility. He will be commissioned by Archdeacon Peter Hooper on Monday January 26th in St George's Church, Paris.

### **Week of Christian Unity services in January 2026:**

Dates and venues for the week of Christian unity services organised with all Christian churches in the south Seine-Et-Marne:

#### **Pôle Fontainebleau:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 8PM, Couvent des Carmes, Avon.

#### **Pôle Moret / Nemours / Montereau:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at 8PM, Eglise Saint-Lambert, Varennes-Sur-Seine. The sermon will be done by our Chaplain (in French).

### **Praise & Prayer**

You are warmly invited to our next Praise & Prayer evening, a special time to meet together in an informal setting, to praise God in song and to pray for his church and world. It will be held on **Friday January 30th at 07:30pm** at the home of Christopher and Marie-Céline: 31 rue Madame Muller, 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](mailto:treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com)

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