



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Second Sunday of Easter Service of the Word

11 April 2026

Service led by Christophe Burton-Page



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

The Easter Candle is lit, saying :

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Candle is raised saying :

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Lord Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said
'Peace be with you', Shalom

Shalom

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: THINE BE THE GLORY (SOF 551)

*1. THINE BE THE GLORY,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes*

Where Thy body lay.

Ref:

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

3. No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above.

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.

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your
presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your
followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from your sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our
Lord and our God.
Amen.

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Romans 6.9-11

6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Please stand as we sing together the “[Peruvian Gloria](#)” :*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the
Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
the Father!**

To God be glory forever! **To God be
glory forever!**

*Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!*

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the
Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of
the Father!**

To God be glory forever! **To God be
glory forever!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the
Spirit!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to
the Spirit!**

To God be glory forever! **To God be
glory forever!**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his
voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea
and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be
known to you, and listen to what I say.*

*‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have
to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to
you by God with deeds of power, wonders,
and signs that God did through him among
you, as you yourselves know—this man,
handed over to you according to the definite
plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified
and killed by the hands of those outside the
law. But God raised him up, having freed him
from death, because it was impossible for him
to be held in its power. For David says
concerning him,*

*‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not
be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue
rejoiced;*

*moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your
presence.’”*

*‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently
of our ancestor David that he both died and
was buried, and his tomb is with us to this
day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that
God had sworn with an oath to him that he
would put one of his descendants on his*

throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,

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

nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

CANTICLE: PSALM 16

Please say the words in bold:

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2 I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.’**

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out

or take their names upon my lips.

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

**10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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: BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD (SOF 51)

1. BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD,
Fill me with life anew;
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with Thine
To do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

We sit for our second reading:

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the

Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

THE SERMON

DECLARATION 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 be seated.

...
Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE (SoF 519)

During which an offering is collected:

1. **TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**
*Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

2. *Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

3. *Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.*

4. *Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

5. *Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

6. *Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

We say together:

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 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: IN CHRIST ALONE (SOF 1346)

*1. IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

ACCLAMATION

Here are words you may trust.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the
dead:
he is our salvation, our eternal glory.

If we die with him, we shall live with him;
if we endure, we shall reign with him.

If we deny him, he will deny us;
if we are faithless, he keeps faith.

For he has broken the power of death
**and brought life and immortality to
light
through the gospel.**

THE BLESSING

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fills us with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

The dismissal:

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.



SAFEGUARDING AT SAINT-LUKE'S

Safeguarding is exactly what it says - guarding the safety of the members of our Church Community and as such it has its roots very firmly in our Christian duty to love one another. If you have any concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Officer, either in church or by email.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Roy Martin.

His email address is: sgofficer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

CHURCH NOTICES

Annual Chaplaincy Meeting 2026

Please note that our ACM 2026 will take place on Sunday, April 26th 2026 within our worship service, beginning at 10.30am. Afterwards we'll have a bring and share lunch, our first opportunity to eat together as a church family for a long time. Do come and be part of it!

Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- April 19
- May 3, 17, 31
- June 14, 28.

Leading Intercessions

Our prayers on a Sunday morning are an important and integral part of our worship. We have a rota for our Intercessions which is separate from the other sign-up rota. If you would be interested in joining our merry band of intercessors, please drop Netta a line at mcfadyens@hotmail.com or send an SMS to Netta at +33 (0) 6 81 87 62 57.

Do ask if you are unsure or if you have any queries. Thank you.

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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