



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau
Easter Day
Holy Communion Service
05 April 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.

THE GATHERING

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Please stand:

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The Easter Candle is lit, saying

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

The minister raises the Candle and says

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Please remain standing as we sing our first hymn:

Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today (SoF 285)

1. *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY; Hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah!
Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!*

2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah!
Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save: Hallelujah!*

3. *But the pains which He endured; Hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah!
Now in heaven above He's King; Hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing: Hallelujah!*

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

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 :*

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.

cf Romans 6.4

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 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

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading.

Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are

witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Psalm 118 - A Song of Victory

*1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!*

**2 Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

*14 The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.*

**15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of
the righteous:**

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

*16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'*

**17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

*20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.*

**21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

*22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.*

**23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 Hymn: See, what a morning (SoF 2020)

*1. SEE, WHAT A MORNING, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded, the grave-clothes,
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain,
Paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the Man,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

*2. See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking,
Calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,*

*Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

*3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with
certainty;
Honour and blessing,
Glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

THE GOSPEL READING

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Priest : The Lord be with you.

All : **And also with you.**

Priest : Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

.... This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE RESURRECTION *Please stand .*

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and exalt him for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be to him who sits upon the throne
and to the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.
Great and marvellous are your works,
Lord God the almighty;
just and true are your ways,
King of saints;
all glorious your gifts, Spirit of life.
Blessing and honour
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honour and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please sit or kneel.*

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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

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 risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words:
Christ is risen.*

We sing our Offertory Hymn during which the collection is taken up.

Offertory hymn: The price is paid (SoF 540)

*1. THE PRICE IS PAID,
Come let us enter in
To all that Jesus died
To make our own.
For every sin
More than enough He gave,
And bought our freedom
From each guilty stain.*

Ref:

*The price is paid,
Alleluia,
Amazing grace,
So strong and sure;
And so with all my heart,
My life in every part,
I live to thank You for
The price You paid.*

*2. The price is paid,
See Satan flee away;
For Jesus crucified
Destroys his power.*

*No more to pay,
Let accusation cease,
In Christ there is
No condemnation now.*

*3. The price is paid,
And by that scourging cruel
He took our sicknesses
As if His own.
And by His wounds,
His body broken there,
His healing touch may now
By faith be known.*

*4. The price is paid,
'Worthy the Lamb' we cry,
Eternity shall never
Cease His praise.
The church of Christ
Shall rule upon the earth,
In Jesus' name we have
Authority.*

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.*

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We pray together:

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.**

OUR NOTICES

Please stand while 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!*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the
dead,
open to you who believe the gates of
everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a
glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the
risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's
peace.
Amen.

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.



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

Good Friday - April 3rd at 7:30pm

Good Friday is one of the most important days in the church's year, as we live through the events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus. Without Good Friday there can be no Easter Day.

We will meet on Good Friday at 7:30pm at the home of Christopher and Marie-Céline, 31 rue Madame Muller, 77200, Avon, to stop and remember all that God in Christ has done for us. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Sunday sunrise service - April 5th at 06:30am

If you don't mind a brisk walk in the early morning, please join us for the yearly sunrise hike on Easter Sunday (April 5). This year, our friends in Christ from the Église réformée will be joining us - a great opportunity for ecumenical fellowship on the trail.

We will meet at the parking lot of [La Faisanderie](#) and start at 6:30 sharp.

Dress warmly and wear sturdy hiking shoes. The hike to the top of Mont Aigu takes about 20 minutes. At the overlook, we will share a small breakfast (and a bubbly beverage) and conduct a short worship service before returning downhill.

And please be praying for fine weather!

Easter Sunday service - April 5th at 10:30am

We'll meet for our main service at 10.30am. This is the most significant service in the church's year, as we celebrate the most important event in human history - the Resurrection of Christ.

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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