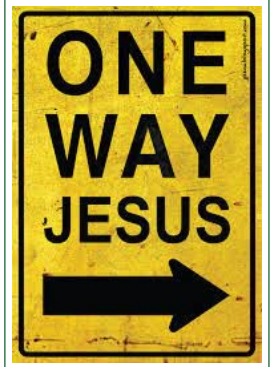




St Luke's Church Fontainebleau
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion Service
03 May 2026
Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen



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

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn:

Hymn: The church's one foundation (SoF 525)

1. THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION
*Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the word;
 From heaven He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride,
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.*

2. Elect from every nation,
*Yet one o'er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation—
 One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With every grace endued.*

3. Though with a scornful wonder
*Men see her sore oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,*

*Yet saints their watch are keeping,
 Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.*

4. 'Mid toil, and tribulation,
*And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forever more;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blessed,
 And the great church victorious
 Shall be the church at rest.*

5. Yet she on earth hath union
*With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with Thee.*

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

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

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

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.**

We are here because Jesus has called us strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.

So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

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.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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 God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading.

Acts 7.55-end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged

him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: **Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16**

Please say the words printed in bold:

*1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
**2 Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**
3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,*

***4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**
5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
**15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.**
16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.*

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: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (SoF 194)

*1. HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,*

And drives away his fear.

2. *It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.*

3. *Dear name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!*

4. *Jesus! My Shepherd, Saviour, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest and King,*

*My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.*

5. *Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.*

6. *Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.*

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 John.

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

John 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

.... 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.*

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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 Lord 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: All my days I will sing this song of gladness (SoF 1158)

1. ALL MY DAYS I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.
Ref:

Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,

*Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all!*

3. I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

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.*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

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.**

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

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: To God be the glory (SoF 559)

*1. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath
done!*

*So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Ref:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath*

done!

*2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*3. Great things He hath taught us, great things
He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will; 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

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.



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

Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

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

Men's breakfast

The next breakfast will be on Saturday May 9th, 10:00-11:30am at Donald and Netta's apartment, 2 rue des Bois. All men very welcome to come and enjoy friendship over croissants and coffee. Please just let Donald know that you're coming: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com.

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.

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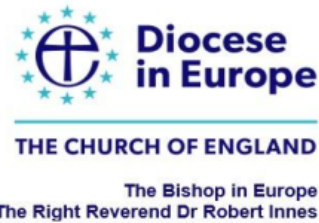
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A Letter from Bishop Robert Innes



Eastertide 2025

For licensed and PtO clergy, wardens, Readers, archdeaconry synod reps in the archdeaconries of France and Switzerland plus other licensed clergy in the diocese, London and Brussels office staff

Dear Friends,

Archdeacon of France, Monaco and Switzerland

The Venerable Dr Peter Hooper, Archdeacon of France and Switzerland, will be leaving the Diocese in the summer.

Peter 're-joined' us in December 2020 having been a Chaplaincy Warden in the Toulouse area for many years in the 1990s and early 2000s. He was an ordinand in our Diocese. He served some 15 years of Parish Ministry in the Leicester Diocese before coming back to us as Archdeacon.

During his time as Archdeacon, Peter has recruited a remarkable 20 chaplains for France and 7 for Switzerland. He has been active ecumenically with both Protestant and Catholic colleagues in France and The Old Catholic Church in Switzerland. He has led ground-breaking constitutional work in France, enabling our chaplaincies to have new constitutions that conform with revised French law. He established a new national legal presence for the Archdeaconry which has enabled us to become members of the Federation of Protestant Churches. In the post Brexit environment, much work has been done to establish an effective visa route for priests coming newly into France as well as understanding the complicated Swiss work-permit process at a Cantonal Level.


Peter's work has often involved gruelling and difficult engagement with chaplaincy conflict, where he has achieved resolution to some deeply entrenched issues. In the 'Post Covid-era', Peter has been travelling for about 150 days a year. He has become something of a diocesan expert for cost-effective travel arrangements in and around France and Switzerland.

With his recent marriage to Liz in May of last year, combined with the amount of travel required to effectively fulfil the role of Archdeacon, Peter has, after a good deal of soul-searching (and conversations with me), discerned that he now needs to better balance his vocation as a husband in (newly) (re-)married life and his role as an ordained priest.

As part of this re-balancing, Peter will be returning to the Diocese of Leicester, taking up a role to assist in the change process taking place in the Diocese. Peter will be saying farewell to the Diocese in Europe and colleagues at various events over the coming few months, including our June Synod.

We are enormously grateful for all that Peter has given us, and I hope that his remaining months with us - last official working day will be 31st July - are happy and fulfilling. Arrangements for archidiaconal cover in France and Switzerland from August, and the appointment of a successor to Peter, will be put in train soon.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Robert Gibraltar in Europe." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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.
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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 **

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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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