



# St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word

10 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.

### WELCOME

*Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.*

### OPENING HYMN: COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE (SoF 1202)

*1. COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.*

*2. O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with  
loathing.*

*4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.*

### 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.**

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,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

ACTS 17:22-31

*Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they*

*would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,*

*"For we too are his offspring."*

*Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'*

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 66:8-20

Please say the words in bold:

8 Bless our God, O peoples,  
**let the sound of his praise be heard,**  
9 who has kept us among the living,  
**and has not let our feet slip.**  
10 For you, O God, have tested us;  
**you have tried us as silver is tried.**  
11 You brought us into the net;  
**you laid burdens on our backs;**  
12 you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
**yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**  
13 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;  
**I will pay you my vows,**  
14 those that my lips uttered

**and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

15 I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

**I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**and I will tell what he has done for me.**

17 I cried aloud to him,

**and he was extolled with my tongue.**

18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

**the Lord would not have listened.**

19 But truly God has listened;

**he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

20 **Blessed be God,**

**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from 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: 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 14:15-21

*Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'*

*'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'*

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.*

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: HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD (SOF 1850)

*During which an offering is collected:*

*1. HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me,  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

*2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude:*

*Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.*

*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

*Please stand while we sing our Final Hymn:*

## FINAL HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (SOF 377)

*1. LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.*

*2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*4. Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.*

## 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.**

*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).*



## SAFEGUARDING AT SAINT-LUKE'S

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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](mailto:sgofficer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com)

## CHURCH NOTICES

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### Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- May 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# MACBETH

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Directed by Paul Stebbings

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BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Directed by Paul Stebbings

If MACBETH is not the finest play ever written, it is certainly the most performed. The play explores the corruption of power and its terrifying results, both politically and personally.

This production, directed by Paul Stebbings, was TNT THEATRE's first Shakespeare production. The production has been so successful that it has been constantly revived and toured worldwide since 2001 to over forty countries on four continents. Audiences have thrilled to this production from London to Atlanta, from Beijing to Berlin, from El Salvador to Thailand and from Australia to Norway. This is a full-blooded version of the play, witch driven in its intensity. LE THEATRE DU HERON presents this production in France as one of the most successful international touring productions of Shakespeare's exciting play to be seen in recent years.

The production integrates a specially composed electronic score by Paul Flush with live singing and percussion. This is a highly physical production with choreographies; actors/dancers play the witches. The visual imagery is startling. The direction by multi-award winning Paul Stebbings emphasises the witches and the supernatural and goes to the heart of Shakespeare's world. The production blends music theatre with dance, stunning visual imagery and fine verse speaking to create a fast-moving and dynamic version of MACBETH that is both original yet true to the spirit of Shakespeare. In a world sinking under fanatical superstition and the naked lust for power, is there a more relevant play than MACBETH?

The production is not frightened of the supernatural, or compromised by modern dress. But this is not an old fashioned production either; the musical score by Paul Flush drives the play forward and creates a compelling sound texture of almost filmic quality.

In our modern world where power seems divorced from morality and the irrational seems to sweep all before it, this mighty drama reminds us that we are not only corrupted but diminished by evil.

## 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 \**

### 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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