



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

Trinity Sunday Service of the Word

31 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.

Our chaplain contact details: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com



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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY (SoF 183)

*1. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before
Thee,
Who were, and are, and ever more shall be.*

*3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide
Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

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:

We have too often exchanged the
worship of the living God for
idols of our own imagining.
As we gather to offer our praises to the
holy and undivided Trinity,
and to worship him in spirit and in truth,
let us call to mind our sins.

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

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

ISAIAH 40.12-17, 27-END

*Who has measured the waters in the hollow
of his hand*

*and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?*

*Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?*

*Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of
understanding?*

*Even the nations are like a drop from a
bucket,*

*and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.*

*Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-
offering.*

All the nations are as nothing before him;

*they are accounted by him as less than
nothing and emptiness.*

*Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?*
*Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.*

*He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.*

*Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew
their strength,*

*they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: PSALM 8

Please say the words in bold:

*1 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

***2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of
your foes,***

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

*3 When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers,*

*the moon and the stars that you have
established;*

***4 what are human beings that you are
mindful of them,***

mortals that you care for them?

*5 Yet you have made them a little lower than
God,*

and crowned them with glory and honour.

***6 You have given them dominion over the
works of your hands;***

you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

***8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the
sea,***

***whatever passes along the paths of the
seas.***

9 O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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: 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!*

We sit for our second reading:

NEW TESTAMENT READING: MATTHEW 28.16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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.

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: TEACH ME TO DANCE (SOF 1013)

During which an offering is collected:

Ref:

*TEACH ME TO DANCE to the beat of Your
heart,
Teach me to move in the power of Your
Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of Your
presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your
heart.
Teach me to love with Your heart of
compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of Your
promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of Your
coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your
heart.*

*1. You wrote the rhythm of life,
Created heaven and earth;
In You is joy without measure.
So, like a child in Your sight,
I dance to see Your delight,
For I was made for Your pleasure,
Pleasure.*

*2. Let all my movements express
A heart that loves to say 'yes',
A will that leaps to obey You.
Let all my energy blaze
To see the joy in Your face;
Let my whole being praise You,
Praise You.*

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: LIGHT OF LIGHT, LOVE'S RADIANT GLORY

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell's 'Hymn to the Trinity' - words below - to the tune Abbot's Leigh, 'Glorious things of thee are spoken'.

*1. Light of light, Love's radiant Glory,
Blessed Trinity adored!
Well of life, our shaping story,
Source of beauty, life outpoured!
As in heav'n the angels worship,
'Holy, Holy, Holy!' sing,
Let us now their praises echo,
And our lives in homage bring.*

*2. God the Father, first Beginning,
Fountainhead of life and grace,
Love eternal, all-creating,
Energising time and space,
Seen in all creation's beauty,
Fragile flowers and stars above,
Particles whose hidden myst'ry
Praise your all-creative love.*

*3. God the Son by Love begotten,
Loved from all eternity,
Life outpoured for our salvation,
Through whom all was brought to be,
Perfect image of the Father,*

*God from God, and Light from Light,
Healing through our human weakness,
For sin's blindness giving sight.*

*4. Holy and life-giving Spirit,
Bond of love, God's living Breath,
Presence which the Church inherits,
Raising us to life from death;
Drawing us to deep communion,
Kindling in our hearts desire -
Longing prayer for perfect union,
Tears of joy and tongues of fire!*

*5. Triune God we bring our praises,
Low in adoration fall,
Awesome Wonder that amazes
As our hearts now hear your call,
'Share in me the life of glory,
Lives transfigured by my Love!
Saints on earth and saints in heaven,
In the Trinity above.*

Geoffrey Rowell (1943-2017)

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you:
Amen.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:
Amen.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace:
Amen.

Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the holy and undivided Trinity,
guard you, save you,
and bring you to that heavenly city,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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.



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

Save the date - 12 July 2026

As you may have read in the notices a little while ago, Archdeacon Peter Hooper, who serves the chaplaincies in France, Switzerland and Monaco, is leaving his role and moving to a new post in England. I'm delighted to announce that he will pay a final visit to us at St Luke's on **Sunday July 12th**. I understand from Peter that the first chaplaincy in France he visited on becoming Archdeacon was Fontainebleau, and this upcoming visit will be the last chaplaincy visit he makes before leaving, so he feels it is especially fitting. We plan to have a celebratory lunch for Peter after the service - more details in due course. For now, please save the date and come and thank this friend of St Luke's for all he's done to help the church. Donald.

Church Council meeting - 06 June 2026

Please pray for the Council as they meet on Saturday June 6th, that together they may discern God's purposes for St Luke's and make good decisions - and enjoy fellowship as they do so.

Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- May 31
- June 14, 28.

Men's Breakfast - 20 June 2026

Our next breakfast will be on Saturday June 20th at 10am at Donald and Netta's apartment, 2 rue des Bois, Fontainebleau. Please drop Donald a line to let him know you'll be there (chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com), so he can make sure there are enough croissants to enjoy over fine coffee.

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.

				
RELEVÉ D'IDENTITÉ BANCAIRE				
Identifiant national de compte bancaire - RIB				
Banque	Guichet	N° compte	Clé	Devise
30087	33862	00013539701	36	EUR
Identifiant international de compte bancaire				
IBAN (International Bank Account Number)				
FR76	3008	7338	6200	0135 3970 136
AGENCE DE FONTAINEBLEAU				
BIC (Bank Identifier Code)				
CMCIFRPP				
Domiciliation				
AGENCE DE FONTAINEBLEAU				
8 PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE				
77300 FONTAINEBLEAU				
Tél : 08-20-07-91-34				