



**St Luke's Church Fontainebleau**  
**Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion Service**  
*including the Admission of Churchwardens*  
**24 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:*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING

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.**

## INTRODUCTION

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

RESPONSORY

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

*We remain standing for our first hymn:*

**Hymn: Great is the darkness (SoF 742)**

*1. GREAT IS THE DARKNESS that covers the earth,  
Oppression, injustice and pain.  
Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,  
Though many have come in Your name.  
Watching while sanity dies,  
Touched by the madness and lies.*

*Ref:*

*Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,  
Pour out Your Spirit we pray.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,  
Pour out Your Spirit on us today.*

*2. May now Your church rise with power and love,  
This glorious gospel proclaim.  
In every nation salvation will come  
To those who believe in Your name.  
Help us bring light to this world  
That we might speed Your return.*

*3. Great celebrations on that final day  
When out of the heavens You come.  
Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,  
And rulers will bow at Your throne.  
Our great commission complete,  
Then face to face we shall meet.*

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 :*

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*cf 1 Corinthians 2.9*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken  
in heart.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and  
divided.  
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 Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We sit for our first reading.*

### Acts 2.1-21

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and*

*Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'*

*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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:*

*"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,*

*and your sons and your daughters shall  
prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above*

*and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and  
glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved."*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS

#### CANTICLE: Psalm 104.26-36, 37b

*Please say the words printed in bold:*

*26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
**27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both  
small and great.**  
28 There go the ships, and there is that  
Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.  
**29 All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**  
30 When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.  
**31 When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,***

***they die and return again to the dust.**  
32 When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
**33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**  
34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
**35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my  
being.**  
36 So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.  
**37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia.***

*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: As water to the thirsty (SoF 659)

*1. AS WATER TO THE THIRSTY,  
As beauty to the eyes,  
As strength that follows weakness,  
As truth instead of lies;  
As songtime and springtime  
And summertime to be,  
So is my Lord,  
My living Lord,  
So is my Lord to me.*

*2. Like calm in place of clamour,  
Like peace that follows pain,*

*Like meeting after parting,  
Like sunshine after rain;  
Like moonlight and starlight  
And sunlight on the sea,  
So is my Lord,  
My living Lord,  
So is my Lord to me.*

*3. As sleep that follows fever,  
As gold instead of grey,  
As freedom after bondage,  
As sunrise to the day;*

*As home to the traveller  
And all he longs to see,  
So is my Lord,*

*My living Lord,  
So is my Lord to me.*

#### THE GOSPEL READING

Priest : Alleluia, alleluia.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**Alleluia.**

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 7:37-39**

*On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

.... 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.*

...  
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

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf Ephesians 1.13,14*

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: Holy Spirit, living breath of God (SoF 1850)**

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.*

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

Father, by your Holy Spirit  
you keep the Church in unity and truth.  
As we break bread together,  
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,  
now and for ever.

**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

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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: The Spirit lives to set us free (SoF 1555)**

*1. THE SPIRIT LIVES TO SET US FREE,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.*

*Ref:*

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

*2. Jesus promised life to all,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
The dead were wakened by His call,  
Walk, walk in the light.*

*3. He died in pain on Calvary,*

*Walk, walk in the light;  
To save the lost like you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.*

*4. We know His death was not the end,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,  
Walk, walk in the light.*

*5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
The Father's kindness is revealed,  
Walk, walk in the light.*

*6. The Spirit lives in you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
His light will shine for all to see,  
Walk, walk in the light.*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
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

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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.

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## Church Notices

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### Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- May 31
- June 14, 28.

### Praise & Prayer

We'll meet again to praise God and pray for our church and the world, on Friday (May 29th) at 7.30pm at Christopher and Marie-Céline's home, 31 rue Madame Muller, Avon. All are very welcome to join in with this vital aspect of our church life. No need to say if you're planning to be there - just come!

### Men's Breakfast

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](mailto: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](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.

## Pentecost Monday Prayer & Praise at Saint-Michael's, Paris

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## 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 \**

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### 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)

THANK YOU - your generous giving, whatever the amount, large or small, is so important to us and is greatly appreciated.

				
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