



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Service of the Word

17 May 2026

Service led by Nancy Austin, Congregational Worship Leader



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: LORD THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (SoF 362)

*1 Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.*

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word*

Lord, and let there be light.

*2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.*

*3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.*

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

Please sit or kneel as we pray together:

Blessed are you, God of compassion and
mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks
forth like the dawn
And your healing springs up for
deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving
help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
And open our lips to sing your praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us,
yet without sin.
He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for
us.
Through him we approach the throne of
grace
with confidence, and confess our sins.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.
We have wilfully misused your gifts of
creation;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the
world,
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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading

ACTS 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: PSALM 68:1-10, 32-36

Please say the words in bold:

¹Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked
perish before God.
³But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult
before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
⁴**Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift
up a song to him who rides upon the clouds**

—

**his name is the LORD—be exultant before
him.**

⁵**Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.**

⁶**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he
leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷O God, when you went out before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,
Selah

⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down
rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered
abroad; you restored your heritage when it
languished;

¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it; in your
goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

³² **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing
praises to the Lord, Selah**

³³ **O rider in the heavens, the ancient
heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his
mighty voice.**

³⁴ **Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is
over Israel and whose power is in the skies.**

³⁵ **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God
of Israel; he gives power and strength to his
people. Blessed be God!**

**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: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (SoF 215)

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto
Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head
upon my breast."*

*I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made
me glad.*

2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely
give*

*The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and
drink, and live."*

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving

stream;

*My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and
now I live in Him.*

3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark
world's Light;"*

*Look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your
day be bright."*

*I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my
sun;*

*and in that Light of life I'll walk til traveling days
are done.*

Til traveling days are done.

We sit for our second reading

SECOND READING: JOHN 17:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people,^[a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ *"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the*

world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

THE SERMON

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Where charity and love are, God is there.*

*Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...
Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

THE PEACE *Please stand*

The risen Lord now reigns at God's right hand.
He is the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the risen Lord be always with us.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace

OFFERTORY HYMN: JESUS IS LORD (SoF 1387)

1. *'Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes through creation:*

*Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock,
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.*

2. *Jesus is Lord – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.*

3. *Jesus is Lord – the tomb is gloriously empty,
Not even death could crush this King of love.
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.*

4. *'Jesus is Lord' – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take His children home.*

We say together:

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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.**

OUR NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

Please stand while we sing our final hymn

FINAL 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
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r 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 BLESSING

Almighty God,
who raised Jesus from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high:
may we know your resurrection power in our daily lives
and look with hope to that day
when we shall see you face to face
and share in your glory,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
one God, now and for ever.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

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

Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- May 17, 31
- June 14, 28.

Shakespeare Performance Walk - Saturday May 23rd at 13:15 in Avon

'I would like to invite everyone to come and join the 2nd year's Fonact ensemble in the Parc du Bel Ebat in Avon on May 23rd at 13:15pm.

The Festival Shakespeare upon Avon opens its gates again. We will share scenes of various Shakespearean plays (Hamlet, The Winter's Tale, As you like it, Two noble Kinsmen etc.) and threading them all together under the overall theme "The Face of The Other".

It will be a joy to have you there and have you witness our explorations on a theatrical promenade in nature.'

Michal Zoller.



The image shows a Facebook event poster for 'fonact_international'. The poster features a photograph of a group of people in period costumes walking in front of a large, ornate building. The text on the poster includes the event title 'SHAKESPEARE', the event name 'THE FACE OF THE OTHER', the director 'Lucinda Millward', the date and time 'Saturday May 23rd 2026 • 13h15', the location 'Departs from the Maison dans la Vallée, arrives at the Parc de Bel-ÉbatParc, Avon', and 'FREE ENTRY'. A pink circular sticker with the text 'SAVE the DATE' is overlaid on the bottom right corner of the poster.

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Home Group Bible Study - Thursday May 21st 20:00-22:00

All welcome chez Barbara and Deigan Morris. Let us know after Sunday service or contact Barbara 06 30 04 26 88.

Thank you.

Barbara

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.

Pentecost Monday Prayer & Praise at Saint-Michael's, 25 May 2026, ²Paris

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MACBETH

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Directed by Paul Stebbings

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MACBETH

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.
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 our Treasurer: 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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