



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Second Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

14 June 2026

Service led by Christopher Burton-Page



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: GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT (SOF 135)

1. GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,
*As year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.*

2. From utmost East to utmost West,
*Where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God;
Give ear to Me, ye continents,
Ye isles, give ear to Me,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.*

3. March we forth in the strength of God
*With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.*

4. All we can do is nothing worth,
*Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.*

THE GREETING

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

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

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 :*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,**

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.

**Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your
word,
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

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he

had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 116:1,10-19

Please say the words in bold:

¹ *I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.*

¹⁰ ***I kept my faith, even when I said,
'I am greatly afflicted';***

¹¹ *I said in my consternation,
'Everyone is a liar.'*

¹² ***What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?***

¹³ *I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,*

¹⁴ ***I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.***

¹⁵ *Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.*

¹⁶ ***O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your***

serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ *I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.*

¹⁸ ***I will pay my vows to the Lord***

in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ *in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.*
Praise the Lord!

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: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE (SOF 519)

*1. TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

THE GOSPEL READING

Priest : Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
One God, who was, and who is, and who is to come
The Almighty.

All : **Alleluia**

Priest : Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you

go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

.... This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

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: BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU (SOF 54)

During which an offering is collected:

1. **BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU,**

*Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.*

2. *We are pilgrims on a journey,
We're together on this road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.*

3. *I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.*

4. *I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.*

5. *When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.*

6. *Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.*

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: I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY (SOF 830)

1. **I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,**
*I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Ref:

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

THE BLESSING

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill us with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

The dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

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.

Sunday School: dates of the next sessions

- 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.

Special Series for Autumn

I wonder how well you know the 'Big Stories' of the Old Testament which have become part of our culture, stories like David and Goliath, Samson and Delilah, Abraham and Isaac, and Jonah and the Whale? Perhaps you were told them at school, or had them read to you at home. With the decline of knowledge of the Bible, we are in danger of losing sight of them. Even our reading of Scripture at Sunday services doesn't help: we hear only parts and never the whole.

With these challenges in mind we're going to spend part of the autumn looking at one of the best loved Old Testament stories, that of Joseph and his brothers, better known as Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat. It's an inspiring lesson about reconciliation in relationships, a profoundly human need that is universal and timeless.

Over the course of four alternate Sunday morning services in September and October, beginning with 'Rentrée Sunday' on September 6th, we're going to look at the whole story, as told in Genesis 37-50. More details will follow, but for now, and perhaps over the summer, you might like to look again at the story. You could read it again, or watch a film version of it. Whatever you do, I hope you'll be able to come to the services, as together we immerse ourselves in this wonderful and hopeful story.

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.

				
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