



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Service of the Word

05 July 2026

Service led by the Churchwardens



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: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS (SoF 215)

1. I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY:

'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and 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, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy 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,
Till travelling days are done.

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 :*

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 us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us 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

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for our first reading:

FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9.9-12

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the
nations;*

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

*his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

*As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of
hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.*

CANTICLE: PSALM 145.8-15

Please say the words in bold:

*8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
**slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.**
9 The Lord is good to all,
**and his compassion is over all that he
has made.**
10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O
Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
11 They shall speak of the glory of your
kingdom,
and tell of your power,
12 to make known to all people your mighty
deeds,*

**and the glorious splendour of your
kingdom.**
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
**and your dominion endures throughout
all generations.**
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
14 The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look to you,
**and you give them their food in due
season.**

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: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (SOF 41)

*1. BE STILL AND KNOW that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God.*

*2. I am the Lord that healeth thee ... (etc.)
3. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ... (etc.)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: MATTHEW 11.16-19, 25-END

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

*"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."*

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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.

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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: BE THOU MY VISION (SOF 42)

During which an offering is collected:

1. *BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou
art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the
night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my
light.*

2. *Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true
word,
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

3. *Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the
fight;
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true*

*might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong
tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of
my power.*

4. *Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

5. *High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright
Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (SoF 525)

1. THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

*Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.*

*2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation—
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.*

*3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,*

*Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.*

*4. 'Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.*

*5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.*

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

Special Service and Lunch - Sunday July 12th

You are invited to the second annual St Luke's bring-and-share lunch, on the occasion of the visit by Archdeacon Peter Hooper, on July 12 on the lawn next to the chapel. This will be Peter's final church engagement as Archdeacon, before he returns to the UK in a new role in the Diocese of Leicester.

Following the morning service, at which Peter will preach and preside, we will gather and set up 5 picnic tables, each of which can accommodate 8 persons.

In the attached sign-up sheet, please let us know if you would be willing to host a table. Each host is in charge of one table setting, including a nice tablecloth, napkins, plates, silverware, and glasses (wine glasses are available in the vestry). For ecological reasons, we will try to keep at a minimum any disposable tableware. Each table host is responsible for gathering their own utensils after the meal, to be cleaned at home.

The sign-up sheet also lists dishes, specific food categories, and drinks. Please feel free to select any number of items which you would like to contribute. FYI, we will not have access to any kitchen facilities at the school. Therefore, it will not be possible to warm up any dishes.

We will set up a common serving area for the buffet style meal. If possible, please prepare a label to identify your dish(es) - eg. quiche, etc

Following the success of the April event, Donald has assured us that he will personally intervene in order to ensure good weather. We look forward to seeing you on July 12!

Please use the link below, for a revised sign-up list, including table hosts:

[Sign-up list for Sunday July 12th](#)

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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.

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.

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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