



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Service of the Word

16 August 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.

THE GATHERING

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn: S

Hymn: Amazing Grace (SoF 19)

1. *Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see*

2. *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

3. *The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures*

*He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

4. *Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home*

5. *When we've been there 10,000 years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun*

THE GREETING

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

Amen.

Let everything be said and done in the name
of the

Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

and we shall praise your name.

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 :*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who
died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past and grant that we
may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have
mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our 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

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Please sit for our first reading.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

*Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain*

*and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.*

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Psalm 67

Please say the words printed in bold:

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make
his face to shine upon us, Selah*

***2 that your way may be known upon earth, your
saving power among all nations.***

*3 Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the
peoples praise you.*

***4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you
judge the peoples with equity and guide the***

nations upon earth. Selah

*5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the
peoples praise you.*

***6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God,
has blessed us.***

***7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of
the earth revere him.***

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: Hear the call of the Kingdom (SoF 1819)

*1. Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the
King,
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering,
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to
redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.*

*2. Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of
light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through Him.*

Ref:

*King of Heaven, we will answer the call,
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.*

*3. Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the
lost,
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the
cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to
come;
Let the nations put their trust in Him.*

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand for the Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

.... This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Please stand .*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

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.
**With the Father and the Son he is
worshipped and glorified.**

He 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.

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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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: Christ be our light

*1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

Chorus:

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine
through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered
today.
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.*

*2 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.*

*3 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.*

*4 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.*

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 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

Please stand while we sing our Final Hymn.

Final hymn: Far and near, hear the call (SoF 709)

*1. Far and near hear the call
Worship him, Lord of all
Families of nations come*

*Celebrate what God has done

2. Deep and wide is the love*

*Heaven sent from above
God's own Son for sinners died
Rose again, he is alive*

*Ref:
Say it loud, say it strong
Tell the world what God has done*

*Say it loud, praise his name
Let the earth rejoice
For the Lord reigns*

*3. At his name let praise begin
Oceans roar, nature sing
For he comes to judge the earth
In righteousness and in his truth*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

Father of all, you have given us your Son to be the Saviour of the world.
Welcome us your children into your kingdom
to enjoy your presence now and for ever.
Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.
In the name of Christ.
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.

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Church Notices

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.

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Should you require any additional information or have any questions or require assistance, please contact Christopher Burton-Page: treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

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