



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Service of the Word

06 September 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.

WELCOME

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN (SOF 466)

1. PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN;
*To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!*

2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
*To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.*

3. Father-like, He tends and spares us;
*Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.*

4. Angels in the height, adore Him;
*Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!*

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

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 :*

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as
Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him as we confess
our sins in penitence and faith.

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 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

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING FOLLOWED BY COMMENTARY

We sit for our first reading:

BIBLE READING 1: GENESIS 37:1-4 - THE FAMILY

Now Jacob was settled in the land where his father had sojourned, the land of Canaan. This, then, is the line of Jacob:

At seventeen years of age, Joseph tended the flocks with his brothers, as a helper to the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. And Joseph

brought bad reports of [his brothers] to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him an ornamented tunic. And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him.

BIBLE READING 2: GENESIS 37:5-8 - THE FIRST DREAM

Once Joseph had a dream which he told to his brothers; and they hated him even more. He said to them, "Hear this dream which I have dreamed: There we were binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf stood up and remained

upright; then your sheaves gathered around and bowed low to my sheaf." His brothers answered, "Do you mean to reign over us? Do you mean to rule over us?" And they hated him even more for his talk about his dreams.

HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE – VERSE 1 (SoF 381)

*1. MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.*

*Ref:
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

BIBLE READING 3: GENESIS 37:9-11 - THE SECOND DREAM

Joseph dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: And this time, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." And when he told it to his father and brothers, his father berated him. "What," he said to him, "is this

dream you have dreamed? Are we to come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow low to you to the ground?" So his brothers were wrought up at him [that is to say, hated him still more], and his father kept the matter in mind.

HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE — VERSE 2 (SoF 381)

*2. Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Ref:
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

BIBLE READING 4: GENESIS 37:12-24 - THE PLOT

One time, when his brothers had gone to pasture their father's flock at Shechem, Israel said to Joseph, "Your brothers are pasturing at Shechem. Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "I am ready." And he said to him, "Go and see how your brothers are and how the locks are faring, and bring me back word." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

When he reached Shechem, a man came upon him wandering in the fields. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?" He answered, "I am looking for my brothers. Could you tell me where they are pasturing?" The man said, "They have gone from here, for I heard them say: Let us go to Dothan." So Joseph followed his brothers and found them at Dothan.

They saw him from afar, and before he came close to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes that dreamer!" Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we can say, 'A savage beast devoured him.' We shall see what comes of his dreams!" But when Reuben heard of it, he tried to save him from them. He said, "Let us not take his

life." And Reuben went on, "Shed no blood! Cast him into that pit out in the wilderness, but do not touch him yourselves" - intending to save him from them and restore him to his father. When Joseph came up to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the ornamented tunic that he was wearing, and took him and cast him into the pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE — VERSE 3 (SoF 381)

*3. Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

*Ref:
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

BIBLE READING 5: GENESIS 37:25-28 - THE SALE

Then they sat down to a meal. Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, their camels bearing gum, balm and laudanum to be taken to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let us not do any with him

ourselves. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh." His brothers agreed. When Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up out of the pit. They sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites, who brought Joseph to Egypt.

BIBLE READING 6: GENESIS 37:29-36 - THE COVER-UP

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he rent his his clothes. Returning to his brothers, he said, "The boy is gone! Now, what am I to do?" Then they took Joseph's tunic, slaughtered a kid [a young goat], and dipped the tunic in the blood. They had the ornamented tunic taken to their father, and they said, "We found this. Please examine it; is it your son's tunic or not?" He recognised it, and said, "My son's tunic! A savage beast devoured him! Joseph was torn by a beast!" Jacob rent his

clothes, put sackcloth on his loins, and observed mourning for his son many days. All his sons and daughters sought to to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, saying, "No, I will go down mourning to my son in Sheol." Thus his father bewailed him.

The Midianites, meanwhile, sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, a courtier of Pharaoh and his chief steward.

HYMN: YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE (SOF 625)

*YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You.*

*I will trust in You;
Let the weak say 'I am strong
In the strength of my God.'*

THE SERMON

OUR NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

Please stand while we sing our Final Hymn:

FINAL HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE (SOF 234)

*1. IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;*

*We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.*

*4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.*

*5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will; 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.

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

Concert "La Paix. Musique chorale, française et anglaise" in Abbaye de Pontigny - Sunday 13.09.2026

A concert of sacred music by St-Edmund Hall Choir under the direction of Carlos Rodriguez Otero will be held in the Abbey of Pontigny on September 13th, from 5PM. Free participation for the benefit of the charity "Association Orgue à Pontigny". As per the previous years, please contact [Paddy Carpenter](#) for more details.

Address: Abbatiale de Pontigny, Yonne en Bourgogne.

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.

Inspiring concert – American Cathedral – Saturday 25.10.2026

I am writing to you to invite you to what will be an inspiring charity concert in October, hosted by Lux Perpetua (a franco-british choir from st nom la bréteche) and joined by over 100 singers from the UK, France and other European countries. Matthew Coleridge the composer himself will be conducting his magnificent Requiem amongst other small works. This is a première for Paris and next year he has been invited to conduct it at Carnegie Hall in New York. It is on 25th October at 6pm at the American Cathedral, 25 Avenue George V in Paris. Please sign up now to avoid disappointment.: matthewcoleridge.com/paris-concert. Please also pass on the poster to any other interested parties.

Best Regards

Bob Lewis



 *L'ensemble des bénéfices sera reversé à « Sandwich Ministry » de la cathédrale*

Matthew Coleridge
REQUIEM
"reaches into the soul and lifts it skyward" BBC Music

100 chanteurs venus de toute l'Europe s'unissent pour interpréter
"l'une des plus grandes œuvres chorales de notre temps"
sous la direction du compositeur

Avec le soutien du
Choeur 'Lux Perpetua'
George Nicholls (orgue)
Maxim Calver (violoncelle)
Amelia Smith (soprano)

The American Cathedral in Paris
23 Av. George V, 75008
Dimanche, 25 Octobre à 18h
Participation libre. Réservations: matthewcoleridge.com/paris-concert



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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