



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Service of the Word

04 October 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: WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS (SOF 585)

*1. WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.*

Ref:

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His love.*

*2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;*

*He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.*

*3. We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.*

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 sing together the Peruvian Gloria:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Ref:
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Ref:
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Ref:
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE STORY OF JOSEPH - PART 3

Readings and Teaching

We sit for our first reading:

BIBLE READING 1: ABUNDANCE (GENESIS 41:46-52)



Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plenteous years the earth produced abundantly. He gathered up all the food of the seven years when there was plenty in the land of Egypt, and stored up food in the cities; he stored up in every city the food from the fields around it. So Joseph stored up grain in

such abundance—like the sand of the sea—that he stopped measuring it; it was beyond measure.



Before the years of famine came, Joseph had two sons, whom Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him. Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh [which means 'he who causes to forget'], 'For', he said, 'God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house.' The second he named Ephraim, 'For God has made me fruitful in the land of my misfortunes.'

BIBLE READING 2: FAMINE (GENESIS 41: 53-57)



The seven years of plenty that prevailed in the land of Egypt came to an end; and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in every country, but throughout the land of Egypt

there was bread. When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.' And since the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine became severe throughout the world.

HYMN: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE (SOF 75)

*1. COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;*

*God, our Maker, doth provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.*

BIBLE READING 3: JACOB SENDS THE BROTHERS TO EGYPT (GENESIS 42. 1-5)



When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, 'Why do you keep looking at one another? I have heard', he said, 'that there is grain in Egypt; go

down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.' So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

HYMN: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE (SOF 75)

2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

BIBLE READING 4: JOSEPH THE GOVERNOR MEETS HIS BROTHERS (GENESIS 42:6-17)



Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he said. They said, 'From the land of Canaan, to buy food.' Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, 'You are spies; you have come to see the

nakedness of the land!' They said to him, 'No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies.' But he said to them, 'No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land!' They said, 'We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more.' But Joseph said to them, 'It is just as I have said to you; you are spies! Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, in order that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.' And he put them all together in prison for three days.

HYMN: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE (SOF 75)

3. For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,

Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

BIBLE READING 5: THE CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE BROTHERS (GENESIS 42:18-28)



On the third day Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.' And they agreed to do so. They said to one another, 'Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.' Then Reuben answered them, 'Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.' They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an

interpreter. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.



They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed. When one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging-place, he saw his money at the top of the sack. He said to his brothers, 'My money has been put back; here it is in my sack!' At this they lost heart and turned trembling to one another, saying, 'What is this that God has done to us?'

HYMN: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE (SOF 75)

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;

There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

BIBLE READING 6: THE BROTHERS RETURN HOME (GENESIS 42:29-38)



When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, 'The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly to us, and charged us with spying on the land. But we said to him, "We are honest men, we are not spies. We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan."' Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, "By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. Bring your

youngest brother to me, and I shall know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will release your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'"

As they were emptying their sacks, there in each one's sack was his bag of money. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed. And their father Jacob said to them, 'I am the one you have bereaved of children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has happened to me!' Then Reuben said to his father, 'You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.' But he said, 'My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should come to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my grey hairs with sorrow to Sheol.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: "10,000 REASONS OR BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL"

During the hymn our gifts of food are brought to the front.

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

*1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,*

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*

*4. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (SoF 147)

*1. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Ref:

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*2. Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

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

Sunday October 4th - Harvest Festival

As well as being the third in our series looking at the story of Joseph, our service on October 4th will also be our Harvest Festival. In both story and festival, food takes centre stage. As we've done in the past we're going to donate the food we collect to the Resto du Cœur in Avon.

"Les Restos du Cœur" (literally Restaurants of the Heart) is a renowned nationwide non-profit association founded in 1985 by the iconic French comedian Coluche. It supports low-income individuals, single parents, the elderly, and the homeless by distributing hot meals, food packages, clothing, and providing long-term social support.

We've asked Mme Duca who runs the Resto in Avon for a list of items which they would particularly value at the moment. This is what she's asked for:

- Sardines
- Ravioli en boîte (cans of ravioli)
- Canned vegetables
- Gros cartons des gâteaux (large boxes of cakes for snacks)
- Tea (black and green)
- Gel nettoyant pour bébé (baby cleansing gel)

Please simply bring your donated items to the service on October 4th. During the offertory hymn we'll bring them to the front and place them around the altar table, in gratitude to God and as part of our prayer for Les Restos du Cœur and the people they serve.

Thank you so much.

Invitation to celebrate the creation on Saturday October 3rd in Forges (near Montereau)



**SEASON OF
CREATION**



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

You are invited to attend the TPLC event on Saturday, October 4, at the Écolieu de l'Aubier 77.

During this month of celebration of Creation, the Laudato Si' group of Seine-et-Marne is pleased to invite all priests, pastors, and other ordained ministers, along with all Christians in Seine-et-

Marne, to come and honor the Season of Creation on Saturday, October 3, 2026, between 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the "Écolieu de l'Aubier", 30 Rue Grande in Forges.

The ecumenical ceremony will take place at 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Living Water," inspired by the vision of Ezekiel. Together, we will explore God's eternal promise through a shared meal, creative and contemplative workshops, and finally, an ecumenical celebration.

We are committed to preserving the sacred gift of water for creation and to celebrating creation during this shared time, as jointly envisioned by Pope Leo XIV, Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullaly, the Reverend Dr. Reynaldo Ferrera of the World Methodist Council, the Reverend Dr. Anne Burghardt, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary of the ACT Alliance; the Reverend Prof. Jerry Pillay, SC, of the World Council of Churches; Prof. Michel Abs, General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches; the Reverend Botrus Mansour, General Secretary of the World Evangelical Alliance; and the Reverend Dr. Jo.

Best regards,

[The Season of Creation team](#)

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.

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



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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