St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Service of the Word

08 November 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.
Our chaplain contact details: chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com

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

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Please stand as we sing our first Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: DEAR LORD AND FATHER (SOF 79)

1. DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise,
In deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee,
Rise up and follow Thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love,
Interpreted by love.

4. With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call,
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down,
As fell Thy manna down.

5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace,
The beauty of Thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction may follow.

Loving Lord, fill us with your new life
and with the joy and peace of your presence.
May we praise you now with our lips
and make room in our hearts for you. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Please be seated.

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

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.

The Collect for the day

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for our first reading:

First Reading: Revelation 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.'

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. He also measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth cornelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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

CANTICLE: PSALM 46

Please say the words in bold:

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
10 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 (SOF 41)

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

I am the Lord that healeth thee … (etc.)

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust … (etc.)

We sit for our second reading:

SECOND READING: JOHN 15. 9-17

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

The Sermon

Please be seated.

Declaration of Faith

Please stand.

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

We remain standing.

Remembering

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled.

Silence is kept.

The completion of the silence is signalled.

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of intercession

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

The Peace

Please stand.

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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: King of Kings, Majesty (SoF 1404)

During which an offering is collected:

1. KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

Ref:
Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.

2. Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

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.

Our Notices

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All **We will.**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.
Amen.

The Sending Out

We sing our Final Hymn:

Final Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised (SoF 418)

1. O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. O let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servants be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.

5. O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

The Blessing

The blessing:

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the State and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
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:

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

M&M's – November 13th

M&Ms women's Bible study will conclude their study on the Gospel of John on Friday November 13th at 11am at Judy's flat. Please see Nancy Austin for details (nancyjinfr@gmail.com).

Men's breakfast – November 14th

The next breakfast will take place on Saturday November 14th at 10:00am at Donald and Netta's apartment (2 rue des Bois, Fontainebleau). If you'd like to come and enjoy good coffee and croissants (and more), and good company and conversation, please let Donald know (chaplain.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you.

Praise and Prayer – November 20th

The next Praise and Prayer will take place on Friday November 20th at 19:30pm at Christopher and Marie-Céline's house (31 rue Madame Müller, Avon). This is a lovely opportunity to meet in an informal setting to worship God and pray together. Everyone is very welcome.

Christmas Choir

We're putting together a choir for our Carol Service, and would love to have you as part of it! In the Service, the choir sings some pieces on their own, and gives a strong lead to the congregational singing of carols. If you've been involved before, welcome back…if you haven't been involved before, come and join in! To learn more, please stay after the service on Sunday when Glenys, the choir leader, will be talking about what we'll be singing this year.

Christmas - key dates

- Our **Nine Lessons and Carols** service will be on Sunday December 13th at 6pm. There will also be a morning service that day at the usual time of 10:30am.
- Our **Nativity Service** will be the following weekend, on Sunday December 20th at 10:30am.
- Our **Christmas Day Communion service** will be on Friday December 25th at 10:30am

Please note: there will be no service on Christmas Eve, so you might like to attend a service elsewhere, nor on Sunday December 27th. The next St Luke's service will be on Sunday January 3rd, 2027 at 10:30am.

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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