



**Order of Service**  
**26<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Introit:

Call to Worship:

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds**

Your way, O God, is holy.

**What god is so great as our God?**

You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

**With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid;

**the very deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

**You led your people like a flock by the hands of Moses and Aaron.**

*(Psalm 77: 11-20)*

**Let us worship God.**

Acknowledgement:

Hymn: 224 (TiS) 'All hail the power of Jesus' name' *(second tune)*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession:

Declaration of Forgiveness:

Doxology: 772 (TiS)

Young church:

Readings: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon Brief: 'Boundaries'

- Boundaries are necessary to keep us safe, to protect us, and to identify who we are.
- There are many boundaries that define us also as a community like geographical boundaries, social and cultural boundaries, moral and ethical boundaries etc.
- Boundaries can also be exclusive, disputed, abused and often used as an excuse to victimise.
- Our gospel reading for today (Luke 9: 51-62) tells us of how Jesus navigates himself through and respond to boundaries that divides, excludes and disempower people.



- First, his face was set towards Jerusalem where he would be crucified for the salvation of the world.
- In this context of setting his face towards Jerusalem, he went through Samaria – both a geographical and ethnic boundary which a Jew is not supposed to do.
- Jews were required to avoid all contact with these “lowlife” who had the temerity to believe that they also worship God from their temple just as the Jews do from the Temple in Jerusalem.
- That boundary between the Jews and the Samaritans are highlighted by James and John seeing the Samaritans disrespect asked Jesus if they could call down judgement on those folks.
- Jesus showed here that the only judgement to come from heaven is Jesus himself. What he is doing and will continue to do is God’s judgement for the salvation of all.
- The boundary of age, as Jesus indicated – the kingdom of God is for children too.
- What are the boundaries that we need to keep, and which are those that we need to be careful of lest we use them to abuse, disempower, exclude and victimise?
- We are mindful of what is happening between the Ukraine and Russia, between ethnic communities in Sri Lanka, between Indonesia and West Papua etc.
- Jesus offers an alternative – LOVING!
- Look at the boundaries that God transcends and redefined for our sake.
- He was born of a virgin, the King as servant of all, died on a cross with thieves, buried in a stranger’s grave – he came to his own but they did not recognise him, he was the good shepherd for he was the lamb that was slain.
- Even the boundary of death cannot stop him from saving the world. He ROSE!

#### Service of Baptism

Hymn: 491 (TiS) ‘Father welcomes all his children’

Presentation:

*(Elder)*

Christopher and Laura Crouch have come today to present their sons Jackson Brian Crouch and Brodie Ian Crouch for baptism.

*(Minister)*

Hear the words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

The meaning of baptism:

Obedying the word of the Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, the church baptises those whom he has called.

Baptism is sign of new life in Christ Jesus.

By water and the Holy Spirit, we are brought into union with Christ in his death and resurrection.

In baptism we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, made members of the body of Christ, and called to his ministry in the world.

Renunciation and Affirmation:

Christopher and Laura, what do you ask of God’s church for Jackson and Brodie?

**We ask that they be baptised into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.**



In the light of the covenant promise and of your request, I ask you now:

Do you believe that the gospel enables us to turn from the darkness of evil and to walk in the light of Christ?

**We do.**

Jackson Brian Crouch may the Lord open your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his praise.

Brodie Ian Crouch may the Lord open your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his praise.

Let us confess the faith into which we are baptised.

*(The congregation stand)*

Do you believe in God, who made you and loves you?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Lord?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, and the continuing work of our salvation?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
and the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen,**

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*(The Elder pours water into the font)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God,

we thank you for the gift of water:

in the beginning you moved over the waters to bring order out of chaos;

from the great flood in the days of Noah you saved those on the ark;

through the Red Sea you led your people to freedom from slavery in Egypt;

across the river Jordan our Lord was baptised by John and anointed by the Spirit.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, bless this water and these children who are baptised in it; that they may be born anew of water and the Spirit,

be raised to new life in Christ,

and continue to be his faithful disciples;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



The Baptism:

Jackson and Brodie, for you Jesus Christ has come, has lived, has suffered;  
for you, he has endured the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary;  
for you, he has uttered the cry, 'It is accomplished!'  
For you, he has triumphed over death; for you, he prays at God's right hand;  
all for, Jackson and Brodie, even though you may not know it.  
In baptism, the word of the apostle is fulfilled:  
'We love, because God first loved us.

Jackson Brian Crouch, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Jackson Brian Crouch, from this day on the sign of the cross is upon you.  
Jackson Brian Crouch is now received into the holy catholic Church according to Christ's command.

Brodie Ian Crouch, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Brodie Ian Crouch, from this day on the sign of the cross is upon you  
Brodie Ian Crouch is now received into the holy catholic Church according to Christ's command.  
*(The elder now introduces the newly baptised to the congregation and the congregation may be seated)*

Responses:

Christopher and Laura, I ask you now to respond to God's graciousness to Jackson and Brodie by making these solemn promises:

Will you provide for your children a Christian home of love and trust?  
**With God's help, we will.**

Will you set before Jackson and Brodie the example of a Christian life, and will you pray that they will learn the way of Christ?  
**With God's help, we will.**

Will you encourage your children to grow within the fellowship of the church, so that they may come to faith in Christ?  
**With God's help, we will.**

I charge you, the people of this congregation, to maintain the life of worship and service, that these children and all the children among you may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God.  
**With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service.**  
Prayers:

Almighty God, we praise you for all that you have done for us. We thank you for declaring your love for Jackson and Brodie today, before they can understand.  
As you have loved them from the beginning, continue to protect and guide them.  
May they become loyal disciples of Jesus Christ.

We thank you for your goodness to Christopher and Laura.  
Grant your blessing upon their home and help them to keep the promises they have made.

We pray for ourselves who so easily forget your grace, that by sharing in this mystery we may recall our own baptism and continue to walk in the light of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.



Praise be to God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Presentation:

*(A gift from the congregation is presented to the newly baptised, including the presentation of the certificate of baptism)*

Hymn: 485 (TiS) 'My God, accept my heart this day'

Notices:

Joys and Concerns:

Offering:

Prayers of the People:

Hymn: 563 (TiS) 'Let him to whom we now belong'

*(Presentation of the baptismal candle)*

Blessings:

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Recessional hymn: 779 (TiS) 'May the feet of God walk with you'

