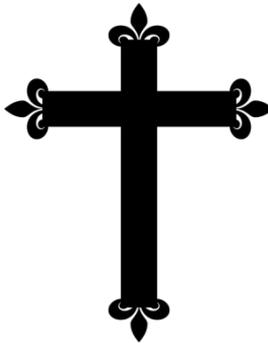


Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Gillingham

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REQUIEM MASS



NAME

Date of birth 19xx – date of death 20xx

PLEASE STAND AS THE COFFIN ENTERS THE CHURCH.

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

All: Amen.

The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you. **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant sprinkles the coffin with holy water, saying: In the waters of baptism, X died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May (s)he now share with him eternal glory.

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold now thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

When all have taken their place in the church, the celebrant moves to the coffin, saying:

In life X cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet him /her with these words of eternal life: Come, blessed of my Father!

The celebrant places the Book of the Gospels on the coffin.

In baptism X received the sign of the cross.

May (s)he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

The celebrant places a cross on the coffin.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who has set a limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant X to be inscribed in the book of life. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PLEASE SIT.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Wisdom 3.1-5

Read by ...

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;

but they are at peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test

and proved them to be worthy with him;

he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;

as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 121

Read by ...

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **Response:**

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **Response**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **Response**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **Response**

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 14:13

Read by ...

I, John, hear a voice from heaven say to me,
“Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord!
Happy indeed, the Spirit says;
Now they can rest for ever after their work,
since their good deeds go with them.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life,

says the Lord: whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon’s – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE SIT FOR THE HOMILY.

HOMILY

The Reverend ...

PLEASE STAND.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by ...

The response to each bidding prayer is: ~ Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with Thee; Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

After the intercessions, the celebrant concludes the prayers: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of Your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed X, cleanse him/her and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PLEASE SIT FOR THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION.

*I vow to thee, my country,
All earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love;
The love that asks no questions,
The love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
The love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.*

*And there's another country
I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,*

*We may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace.*

PLEASE STAND.

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and for the good of all his holy Church.**

Be near, O Lord, we pray, to your servant X, on whose funeral day we offer you this sacrifice of conciliation, so that, should any stain of sin have clung to him/her or any human fault have affected him/her, it may, by your loving gift, be forgiven and wiped away. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PLEASE KNEEL, OR, IF YOU ARE INFIRM, PLEASE SIT.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with St Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with [deceased's patron saint] and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailling help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Alan our Bishop, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

Remember your servant X, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that (s)he who was united with your Son in a death like His, may also be one with Him in his Resurrection, when from the earth He will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of His own glorious body.

To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PLEASE STAND.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you," look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your Spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

PLEASE KNEEL, OR, IF YOU ARE INFIRM, PLEASE SIT.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

PLEASE DO COME FORWARD TO THE ALTAR RAIL FOR COMMUNION OR A BLESSING.

[If you are not able to take Catholic communion, please do come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms across your chest.]

PLEASE STAND.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your servant X, who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EULOGY

Delivered by ...

FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother/sister. May our farewell express our affection for him/her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water (a reminder of our baptism) and incensed (a mark of honour).

Saints of God, come to his/her aid! Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother/sister X in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he/she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon X in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother/sister for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In peace, let us take X to his/her place of rest.

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land to sea.*

The retiring collection will be in aid of
Chosen Charity
(website).

[Undertakers' details] will continue to collect donations after the funeral.
Tel: 01XXX XXX XXX.

THE COMMITTAL

will take place immediately after the service in the Churchyard.

After the service, **you are all warmly invited** for [details of funeral
tea /lunch /coffee as appropriate]

They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before.

They are now wherever we are.

~ St John Chrysostom

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