

Date

Time

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Gillingham



Baptism of

Name

ENTRANCE HYMN

The priest welcomes all present, and speaks to them of the special joy of this occasion.

The priest asks the parents: What name do you give your child?

The parents reply: **[Name]**

What do you ask of God's Church for [Name]?

The parents reply: **Baptism.**

The priest addresses the parents in these or similar words:

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The priest turns to the godparents:

Are you ready to help the parents in their duty as Christian parents?

The godparents reply: **We are.**

[Name], the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of His cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents and godparents to do the same. *The priest signs the child on the forehead, in silence. Then he invites the parents and the godparents to do the same.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE SIT to listen to the readings.

The Gospel according to Mark (1:7-11)

In the course of his preaching, John the Baptist said, “Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.” It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”

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

PLEASE SIT for the priest's Homily, which is followed by the bidding prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

My dear friends, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on [Name], who is to be baptised, on his parents and godparents, and on all the baptised.

By the mystery of Your death and resurrection, bathe [Name] in light, give him a new life of baptism and welcome him into Your holy Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through baptism and confirmation, make [Name] Your faithful follower and a witness to Your gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make the lives of his parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire [Name]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep [Name]'s family always in Your love. We remember particularly those in his family who have died. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

INVOCATION OF THE SAINTS

The priest next invites all present to invoke the saints:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Saint John the Baptist, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Saint Matthew and St. James, pray for us. Saint Anthony, pray for us. Archangel Gabriel, pray for us. Saint Ann, pray for us. Saint Peter and St. Paul, pray for us.

The litany concludes: All holy men and women, pray for us.

PRAYER OF EXORCISM

Almighty and ever-living God, You sent Your only Son into the world to rescue us from the slavery of sin, and to give us the freedom only Your sons and daughters enjoy. We pray now for [Name], who will have to face the world with its temptations and fight the devil with all his cunning. Your Son died and rose again to save us. By His victory over sin and death, cleanse [Name] from the stain of original sin. Strengthen him with the grace of Christ and watch over him at every step in life's journey. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After the service,
please join us for lunch
at
details

GODPARENTS

IF

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling, 1865-1936

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