

A Form of Service for Admission of Baptized Children to Holy Communion Before Confirmation

Prior to the Peace, those to be admitted come forward, accompanied by their parents and /or sponsors/godparents, who present the group to the priest with these words:

Sponsors: We present to you, N, (N, and N) who ask(s) to be admitted to Holy Communion

Priest: My brothers and sisters, when you were baptized you became members of the body of Christ, God's church.

We look forward to the time when you will be confirmed by your bishop, and be commissioned for Christian witness and service.

Now, with the help of your parents and sponsors, and the parish family, you have been prepared to participate in this service of holy communion, the Church's great celebration of Christ's death and resurrection.

We welcome you to feed in faith with us on his body and blood.

The priest then asks the candidates:

Priest: Do you wish to be admitted to the holy communion?

Candidate: **I do.**

Priest: Will you be faithful in coming regularly to join in celebrating Jesus with us, and receive the bread and wine of holy communion?

Candidate: **I will.**

Priest: Will you be faithful in saying your prayers, reading your Bible and living a Christian life?

Candidate: **I will.**

Priest: The Lord bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The priest then turns to the congregation:

Members of Christ in this parish, will you encourage these new communicants by your friendship, by your worshipping with them, and by your witness and service?

All: **We will.**

We welcome you into the fellowship of the holy communion.

The children then participate in the holy communion, receiving the bread and wine.

Before the blessing, the children who have been admitted stand before the priest, who says:

Priest: [N], you have been admitted you to the holy communion, the great sacrament of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **May you know in this sacrament the love and help of God.**

The priest then gives the blessing, and the children may join in giving the dismissal to the congregation.

Each child admitted to the holy communion before confirmation is to be given a card indicating their communicant status, and their names are to be recorded in the parish register.