

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO HOLY COMMUNION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

*After the sermon the children stand with their parents, godparents and sponsors.**

The priest or minister addresses them;

At our baptism, we are made members of the family of Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ asks his followers to remember him by breaking bread and drinking wine together. As members of his family we share together in this meal; it is a sign of his presence amongst us. Today we gather together to admit these children to Holy Communion and welcome them as communicant members of Christ's family.

The priest or minister addresses the children by name;

N and N do you wish to be admitted to Holy Communion and to share regularly in this meal?

The children reply together;

Yes.

The priest or minister addresses the parents, godparents and sponsors;

Will you help these children to grow in faith and come to Confirmation?

The parents and sponsors reply together;

We will.

The priest or minister addresses the congregation;

Will you welcome these children as communicant members of Christ's family and support them with your friendship and your prayers?

The congregation replies;

We will.

As a link with their baptism and a sign of their faith, baptismal candles or other candles may be lit at this point.

The priest or minister says to the whole congregation;

We now stand to proclaim our faith together.

All say the Affirmation of faith or the Creed.

The priest or minister says to the children;

In the name of N, Bishop of..... I welcome you to the sacrament of Holy Communion. May God bless you as you continue with us on your journey of faith.

Cards or certificates may be presented to the children now or after the service.

The service continues with intercessions in which the children may take part.

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Note:

It may be felt appropriate, with agreement, to have additional sponsors from those involved in guiding the children in the Christian faith from the church community, particularly if contact has been lost with godparents.