SERVICE FOR ADMISSION OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN TO HOLY COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION.

The Admission shall take place during the Service of Holy Communion, normally after the Sermon or at the time of the Greeting of Peace when particular circumstances make it necessary.

Those to be admitted, accompanied by their parents/sponsors, will be brought forward to the chancel steps by the People's Warden, or Parents' Representative, who shall say:

Father, I present to you these children who wish to be admitted to Holy Communion.

Priest: Children, when you were baptized you became members of the Church, the family of God. We look forward to the future when you will be Confirmed by the Bishop and be commissioned for Christian witness and service. Now, through the help of your parents/ sponsors and teachers, you have learned to understand this service of Holy Communion and to take part in its celebration. You come to share with us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(to each child in turn)

N., do you wish to be admitted to Holy Communion?

Child: I do.

Then shall the Priest take each child by the hand and say:

Priest: N., I admit you to Holy Communion in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You will find in this sacrament the love and help of God.

When all have been so admitted the Priest shall say to the children:

Priest: The joy and peace of the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

The children shall then turn to the congregation.

Priest and Congregation: We welcome you into the fellowship of Holy Communion.

Priest: Members of Christ in this Parish,
will you encourage these new communicant members
by your friendship at all times,
by your presence at worship, and
by your witness and service?

Congregation: We will.

The children and parents/sponsors return to their places.

Priest: As one family united in fellowship we proclaim our faith in the words of the Creed.

We believe in one God ...

(Certificates and Prayer Books may be presented to each child after admission).

THE INTERCESSION: These petitions or similar shall be included:

For the children of our parish community who have been admitted to Holy Communion: and for their parents, that your love, joy and peace may be known in their homes.

That these children may grow in the Faith, and, as adults, wish to profess it at Confirmation and be witnesses in the world.

For our parish community that we may welcome among us these children who need the example of our love and faith.