

## Three Liturgy Examples:

These examples of liturgy are inserted during a Holy Communion service, usually after the sermon and before the Peace.

### Example 1

***The children stand with their parents and sponsors, and the priest addresses them:***

*In baptism, we are made members of Christ's family. As members of that family, we gather together to share in this meal which he gave us as a continuing sign of his living presence among us.*

*We do this in obedience to Jesus' command which he gave at his last supper with his friends on the night before he died.*

*Today is an important stage in your Christian journey, which began at your baptism. We welcome you as you come to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

***The priest 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 addresses the parents 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 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.*

***The priest says to the children:***

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

## **Example 2**

### ***The priest addresses the candidates and congregation:***

*In baptism, we are made members of Christ's family. As members of that family, we gather together to share in this meal which he gave us as a continuing sign of his life among us.*

*We do this, remembering the example Jesus gave at his last meal with his friends on the night before he died.*

*Today is an important stage in the Christian journey for these children, which began at your baptism. We welcome you as you come to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

### ***The priest asks the candidates:***

*Have you been baptised in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit?*

### ***The candidates reply:***

*I have.*

### ***The priest asks the candidates:***

*Will you continue to be faithful as a member of the body of Christ, coming regularly to worship and sharing in the breaking of bread?*

### ***The priest addresses the whole congregation:***

*People of God, will you play your part in nurturing these young people as members together with you of the family of God?*

### ***The congregation replies:***

*With the help of God, we will.*

### Example 3

#### **The leader addresses the candidates and congregation:**

*Today we celebrate with N, N, N as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Communion for the first time. None of us are good enough to presume upon these gifts, but we are all made welcome by our Lord, God of grace.*

*The communion is about our relationship with God and with other people as we join together in sharing one bread and one cup. St Paul tells us that we risk much if we take these without due care and reverence. Therefore as you prepare to receive it is important that you know what you are doing.*

#### **The leader addresses the candidates:**

*The communion is about belonging to God's family. You have all been baptised into that family. Will you now say for yourselves that you belong?*

#### **The candidates reply:**

*I have been baptised and am a member of God's family.*

#### **The leader addresses the candidates:**

*The communion is about thanking God for his love for us, for all that he has done, and all that he has given us. Will you now say for yourselves that you are thankful?*

#### **The candidates reply:**

*We thank you, God, for your love for us shown through Jesus.*

#### **The leader addresses the candidates:**

*The communion is a meal for remembering Jesus as he shared a meal with the disciples before being crucified. Will you now say you accept this?*

#### **The candidates reply:**

*We believe that Jesus died on the cross for us.*

#### **The leader addresses the candidates:**

*The communion is a meal of belonging, celebrating and remembering. It is a gift from God. We now welcome you into the Communicant fellowship of the Christian church. May you be strengthened by the gifts that God offers.*

#### **The leader addresses parents and the congregation:**

*Will you all encourage, support and pray for these young people, that they may be strengthened in the faith of Jesus Christ and in due course come to make an adult confirmation of their own personal faith?*

#### **The parents and congregation reply:**

*We will.*