

The Questions

If it is thought appropriate to use these Questions instead of the Welcome, they may be used before the peace.

The minister addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, today we are welcoming *N and N* to Holy Communion. As parents and godparents, and as the community of *St N's*, we share the responsibility of encouraging them in their worship, and of supporting them by our friendship, our example and our prayers. Will you help them to grow in faith and love?

All **We will.**

The minister addresses those being welcomed

N and N, you love God, you follow Jesus, and you live the Christian life. Do you wish to receive Holy Communion?

Yes.

As *N and N* receive today the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, let us pray that we may all know and reflect the love of Christ.

God of life,
you invite us to eat at your table;
may we know your love,
follow you in the world,
and shine with your light
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ Admission of the Baptized to Communion

Pastoral Introduction

This may be read by those present before the service begins

Today we welcome to Communion *N and N* who share faithfully and regularly in our worship. A person is admitted to communion on the basis of their baptism, the sign and pledge of incorporation into the death and resurrection of Christ and the new life of the kingdom of God. *N and N* have been baptized, and today they receive the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ with us. They are taking a new step in the life to which God has called them in baptism and which we trust they will later affirm in confirmation. We welcome them and look forward to learning with and from them as we journey together on the Way of Christ.

The Welcome

The president may invite those to be welcomed to stand before the people, and introduces them in these or other suitable words

We are God's pilgrim people.
We share in the story of God's love for the world,
God's love in Christ, calling us to himself,
God's love in the Spirit, giving strength for our journey of faith.
We celebrate this love in word and song,
we feed on Jesus in bread and wine
and make him known through our life together.

As the people of God in this place, we share the responsibility of encouraging one another in our worship and supporting one another in our discipleship, by our example and our prayers.

N and N, we welcome you in Jesus' name to receive communion with us.