Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation

Liturgy

The Regulations for Communion before Confirmation require

- a register to be kept
- a certificate to be issued

Suggestions for use at services when children are admitted to Communion

1. You could try to involve the children who are to be admitted to communion during the service by inviting them to;
   - Read the lesson
   - Leading intersessions
   - Taking part in the offertory party
   - Choosing the songs and hymns
   - Receiving Communion first with their families or sponsors

2. If formal words are required to mark the occasion either of the following forms A **or** B could be used. (After the Intercessions and before the Peace would be an appropriate moment in the service)

Either A

Priest/Minister: **"Today we welcome A, B, and C as communicant members of the church. Over the past *X* weeks they have been learning together how special the communion is. As they continue as members of God's family with us, we share in their joy and ask for God's continued blessing upon them."**

Or B

The priest or minister addresses the children:

Are you baptized Christians and regular members of the Church?

The children reply together:
Yes.

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 or sponsors:

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

The parents or sponsors reply together:
Yes.

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.

The priest or minister says to the children:

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

3. Cards of certificates may be presented to the children at this point or after the service.