

The Easter Communion.

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WHY SHALL I COME?

1. It is my Saviour's dying Wish. Jesus said: "Take, eat."
"Drink ye all of this."
2. It is His last Command before He died. "Do this in remembrance of Me."
3. It is the Church's Rule for all her members. "Every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

WHAT IS HOLY COMMUNION?

1. It is the highest act of worship: the Christ-made Memorial of the one true Sacrifice once and for ever offered. "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's Death till He come."
2. It is the highest means of Grace for my soul's life. "Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath eternal life."
3. It is the bond of union between me and my fellow Christians. "We who are many are one bread, one body: for we all partake of the one bread."

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HOLY COMMUNION?

1. Love quickened. "We love Him because He first loved us."

2. Strengthening and Refreshment. "Then we spiritually eat the Flesh of Christ, and drink His Blood; then we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us."
3. Cleansing and Pardon. "Grant that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood."

HOW DO I KNOW I MAY COME?

1. Do I want to love God more? Then I may come, for here my love will be increased.
2. Am I weak, and unable to please God? Then I may come, for here is food and strength for those who try.
3. Am I sinful and sinning? Then I may come, for here is cleansing and forgiveness for those who desire to become holy.

IN WHAT SPIRIT MUST I COME?

1. Humble, because unworthy to come. "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof."
2. Trusting, because Jesus calls sinners to Him. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
3. Earnest, because according to my desire will be the blessing. "He hath filled the hungry with good things."

HOW SHALL I PREPARE TO COME?

By asking myself with the help of the Holy Spirit—

1. Whether I am sorry for my past sins and really wish to give them up. "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins."

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2. Whether I am trying to live in charity with others.
"And are in love and charity with your neighbours."
3. Whether I believe that Jesus will indeed come to me in Holy Communion to feed and cleanse me. "Draw near with Faith."

HOW SHALL I LIVE AFTERWARDS?

1. In a spirit of thankfulness. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me."
2. In a spirit of brave resolution. "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"
3. In a spirit of humility. "Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak."

WHEN SHALL I COME TO HOLY COMMUNION?

1. Early, if I have health and strength. "Early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up,"
2. Regularly, for what is left to be done at any time is seldom done well, often not done at all.
3. Frequently, weekly if I can, because I am always weak, and need strengthening; I am often sinning, and need cleansing.

"We come obedient to Thy Word,
To feast on Heavenly food;
Our meat, the Body of the Lord,
Our drink, His precious Blood.

Thus may we all Thy words obey,
For we, O Lord, are Thine;
And go rejoicing on our way,
Renewed with strength divine."