

HOLY COMMUNION CANON 2001¹

Canon 10, 2001²

A canon concerning the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper 1992 (-2001).

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as "The Holy Communion Canon 2001".
2. Wherever possible, in the church or one of the churches in every parish, the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper should be celebrated sufficiently frequently and at appropriate times so as to provide reasonable opportunity for every parishioner to communicate regularly and frequently and at Easter.
3. Every minister when celebrating the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper must receive the sacrament, normally first.
4. The sacrament must normally be offered separately in both kinds to every communicant.
5. The bread offered must be wholesome and the wine must be of good quality.
6. (1) If a minister who has the cure of souls believes that anyone who intends to partake of the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper ought not to be admitted thereto by reason of malicious and open contention with another or other grave sin without repentance, the minister must:
 - (a) inform the bishop of the diocese of the belief of that minister, and
 - (b) not refuse to admit that person to the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper unless directed by the bishop so to do,provided that in the case of grave and immediate scandal any ordained minister, in the discretion of that minister, may refuse to admit the person concerned pending receipt of a direction from the bishop. Before issuing a direction other than an interim direction or a direction that a person not be refused admission to the Holy Communion the bishop must afford that person an opportunity to be heard.
- (2) Should the bishop direct a minister under sub-section (1) not to admit a person to the Holy Communion, every other minister in the diocese should likewise refuse to admit that person to the Holy Communion unless and until the bishop otherwise directs.

¹ See Appendix B on page 447.

² This canon was passed provisionally in its original form as Canon P4, 1992.

7. The canons numbered 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28 of the Canons of 1603, in so far as the same may have any force, have no operation or effect in a diocese which adopts this canon.
8. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.
