

CHAPTER 17

Celebrating Other Services with a Eucharist

When another rite or sacrament is celebrated within a Eucharist careful planning is required so that it does not feel like two services "glued" together. This is often best achieved by using the structure of the Eucharist as the basic format. "A reading from the Gospel is always included" (page 511).

At all services of the Eucharist it is important that everyone present be given the opportunity of receiving Holy Communion.

The Ministry of Healing with a Eucharist

Liturgical Colour: Colour of the day.

Directions are given on page 746. Alternatively, the Invocation, the Laying on of Hands and/or the Anointing may replace the Prayers of the People.

The Blessing of a Home with a Eucharist

Liturgical Colour: Colour of the day.

Directions are given on page 774.

Marriage with a Eucharist

Liturgical Colour: White.

Directions are given on page 807.

Funeral with a Eucharist

Liturgical Colour: White.

The Paschal Candle is lit and stands by the coffin.

Directions are given on page 868. Alternatively, the Eucharist is followed, with the Collect, readings and prayers appropriate for a funeral, and the Variation for the Great Thanksgiving for Easter (page 432) or for the Departed (page 435). After Communion the Funeral Service is followed from the Commendation.

Some Questions

An important point of view offered in this chapter is; "When another rite or sacrament is celebrated within a Eucharist careful planning is required so that it does not feel like two services "glued" together. This is often best achieved by using the structure of the Eucharist as the basic format." Do you agree with this point of view and if so how would it affect what happens now within your context?