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## PREFACE.

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**I**T is scarcely necessary to observe that the suggested "Order for a Children's Service," contained in this little book, is intended only to supplement, and in no way to be a substitute for any of the ordinary and authorized services of the Church. Where very *large* congregations are accustomed to attend the ordinary Sunday services of a church, the necessity of some special arrangement to meet the requirements of Children is often seriously felt. Such, at least, has been the case at the Parish Church of Folkestone, where a distinct and separate afternoon service for the young, with suitable Prayers, metrical Litanies and Hymns, has long been the means of bringing together a large congregation of children interested in their own service, and eager for the instruction which can then be more easily imparted in the Church's way of catechising.

The Editor of the CHILDREN'S SERVICE BOOK has also had in mind the desirableness of providing a more adequate supply of Children's Hymns and Litanies, breathing the fervent but chaste spirit of the English Church, and to this end a large number of hymns have passed under review. In scarcely any instance has permission to use a copyright been refused, and the Editor desires therefore sincerely to

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thank all who have so kindly aided him, especially the compilers of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," who, through the Rev. W. Pulling, have permitted the use of any of their hymns. He also wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to the Bishop of Lincoln, the Bishop of Bedford, the Rev. J. B. Pollock, (for litanies from the Litany Appendix), Mrs. Hernemann, Messrs. Richardson and Sons, the Rev. G. A. Prynne, the Rev. C. J. Punchard, and in particular a member of his own congregation, who has taken a great deal of the labour of correspondence and transcription off his hands. If after all the care that has been used any copyright has been inadvertently infringed, the Editor trusts that the nature and purpose of the *Children's Service Book* will win for him kindly consideration and ready forgiveness.

THE VICARAGE,

FOLKESTONE,

*Trinity Sunday, 1881.*



## Order for a Children's Service.

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*The Children being conveniently placed in the body of the Church, it is suggested that the Minister should stand on the Chancel step, or at the Fold-stool, and the Service begin with a Hymn.*

*Then shall follow the Creed.*

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth :

And in JESUS CHRIST His only SON our  
LORD, Who was conceived by the HOLY  
GHOST, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead,  
and buried, He descended into hell; The  
third day He rose again from the dead, He  
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right  
hand of GOD the FATHER Almighty; From  
thence He shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.

I believe in the HOLY GHOST; the holy  
Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints;  
The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of  
the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

*V.* The LORD be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

CHRIST, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

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OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Then shall be sung a metrical Litany.*

*Then shall be said by all the Children the following prayer:—*

O ever blessed JESUS: SON of GOD: and sweet Child of the Virgin Mary: Who in the days of Thy sojourn here on earth didst say: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven:" bless, we beseech Thee, us Thy children: dedicated to Thee in holy baptism: make us to be always mindful of the vow and promise: then made in our name: May we be dutiful to our parents: loving to our brothers and sisters: and obedient to our spiritual pastors and teachers: As we grow in years may we grow in wisdom: and in favour with Thee: Give Thy holy angels charge over us: and let no man pluck us out of Thy hand: and grant that, being daily renewed by Thy Holy Spirit: we may continue Thy children: and attain Thy promises: Who, with the FATHER and the same Spirit: livest and reignest: GOD for ever and ever: Amen.

[COLLECT FOR THE DAY.]

The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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*Then shall follow the Public Catechising or Address, the children first standing up and repeating together the text of Holy Scripture given out at the previous Children's Service. The text for the following Sunday shall then be given to them.*

[HYMN AND BLESSING.]

*Whilst the Children are leaving the Church, one by one, each Class being preceded by its teacher, it will be found conducive to good order if one of the processional hymns be sung, the Choir retaining their places till the last verse.*