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Laughing

“Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength ...”

Psalm 8, The Book of Common Prayer

In these difficult times, anything that can to lift our spirits is important. Remember the story I shared with you a few days ago of the “high five” the little girl gave the priest? Here’s a few more stories to help you smile.

A little child watched the offering plate being passed round the church. When it came to the pew where she sat, she piped up so everyone could hear: “You don’t have to pay for me, daddy. I’m still under five.”

A mother had been teaching her son the Lord’s Prayer. After a while, she asked him to say it all. She listened with pride and heard: “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us some email.”

After a baptism of her baby brother in church, parents were surprised to find their daughter crying in the car on the way home. Her father asked her what was wrong. And eventually she blurted out her woes. “Daddy,” he sobbed, “the priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I *really* want to stay here with you.”

And adults? Well it’s good to know that sometimes we get it wrong too, and perhaps we need to laugh at ourselves a little more – especially now!

Hymn 264 “I Need Three Every Hour”

Hymn 192 “Crown Him With Many Cows”

Hymn 37 “Blessed Assurance”

(please note, the second verse will be sung without musical accomplishment)

Miss Dickinson sang, “We shall not pass this way again”, much to the delight of the audience.

Intimation: Rev Merriweather, our Pastor, is on vacation. During his absence, massages can be given to the church secretary.

A prayer for today

*Lord, help me to begin and end today with a smile –
and laugh a little in between too. Amen.*

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