

Sunday 26th July 2020: 10.30 Family Service



Worship in the Secret Place...

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The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God,

You give us gifts and make them grow:

Though our faith is small
as mustard seed,

Make it grow to your glory and
the flourishing of your kingdom;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Sermon Summary: Sunday 19th July 2020: Trinity 6

WORSHIP AS AN ACT OF DEVOTION: Mt 26: 6-13 Charlie Moore

Last week Tim helped us think about Worship as a Lifestyle.

This week as we think about Worship as an act of Devotion, I would like us to reflect on some of the words from the Song we sang earlier: “Ever Be” which begins: “Your Love is Devoted...

Like a ring of solid gold, Like a vow that is tested,
Like a covenant of old”



1. Devotion is an Expression of Relationship: Us with Jesus + Jesus with us.

Last week Tim finished with a Question. Where would you rather be? On your knees to an idol or in the fire with Jesus. It isn't really a question of “rather be” but “ever be”, to quote the Song which continues, “Your praise will ever be on my lips”- It's a 2 way devotion, not just because of what we do, but also because of what he has done for us. That's why people have worshipped in this place with devotion for 800 years...

2. Devotion is Extravagant: (Vv 6-7) The woman poured expensive perfume on his head. Rather like the waters of Baptism. As in total immersion, nothing is held back. Are we willing to pour our praise upon Jesus, whatever the cost?

3. Devotion doesn't care what people think: (Vv 8-9) Devotion is Deep! Will the poor suffer? No, because out of deeper devotion will come action to help the poor. What expressions of Worship do we find difficult? Kneeling, Raising Hands, Praying?

4. Devotion is Exclusive: (Vv 10-11) “She has done a beautiful thing.... *The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me*” The only opinion which mattered to the woman was Jesus. Worship is simply giving ourselves back to the God from whom we come. The rings are so powerful because they represent total giving— a oneness with Jesus which casts out fear of others and sets us free to be the people he has called us to be.

5. Devotion tells the Truth about Jesus and about us: (V 12) Perfume poured out, prepared him for burial. Jesus' profound act of identification was to become human, even to death. The woman had a revelation of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our devotion in worship proclaims the truth in words, but our worship will be “*in spirit and in truth*” (John 4). When God's people gather, we don't just sing, we worship...

6. The woman's ACT OF DEVOTION inspires people to worship Jesus to this day

“You Father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole,
You shoulder our weakness, and your strength becomes our own.
Now you're making me like you, Clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride...”



May your praise ever be on our lips.

Amen.

Pray for: Mary B, Margaret, Jo, Isobel, Iris, Patrick, Amie & Noela, +Karowei,

With Love + prayers

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