

Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 14, 29th August 2021

Presenter ***Rev Jean Shannon***

Focus Readings Song of Solomon 2:8-13, James 1:17-27

Message 9 minutes 45 seconds ***“Totally alive in faith”***

Discussion Starters

- 1** Ghandi talked about spreading the perfume of their lives. What do you think he meant? How would that look in your life/community?
- 2** Have you ever seen the gospel weaponised? How/when does this happen?
- 3** When have you seen passion driven great action?
- 4** How many jokes do you know where the main character is the butt – for example, Irish, Tasmanian. What do these jokes have in common.

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 God’s enduring love lavishes the righteous with enduring favour, anointing them with “the oil of joy”, exceeding their expectation

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 Jesus reminds the Pharisees and scribes that the source of our relationship with God is from the heart. True worship – as well as “evil thoughts” – emerge from the interior of a person. On the other hand, they “ignore God’s commandment while holding on to rules created by humans”.

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All Age Message ***“How to make a blessing”***

Length 2 Minutes 0 seconds

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Based on Psalm 45:1-2.

Blessings can come in many forms – knitting, drawing, cuddly blankets, dancing, or as the psalmist says, from the tongue like a pen of a ready scribe.

* Check out the recipes and maybe each make some bread and share it with others as an expression of a blessing to someone unconnected to your church.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9, page 283

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