

Offertory Pause For Thought

I am guessing that this was probably written to go with the story where Jesus was shown a coin and asked who it belonged to or the question of which we should service – the church or the state? And Jesus answered in a way that showed that the answer is not so simple, the two are intertwined. The reality is that the church like any organisation needs resources for its ministry and mission. Yet I sense that there is little excitement or a real embarrassment when the offertory plate or bags is passed around. Can we catch that sense of vision and see our small gifts as contributing to something really exciting – the gospel?

The chink of coins
the rustle of notes
the quiet music
and moment of reflection
the offertory plate
the place of meeting
of church and state
of religious and secular worlds

Forgive us
when we give grudgingly
and meanly
Help us to give willingly
and generously
To see the potential
and the opportunity
and excitement
and energy
of your work
in your world.

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