



## **All Saints Bawdeswell**

Sunday **26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

**Stewardship Service**

**Hymn: 186** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Leader:** A very warm welcome to our worship today.

This morning we are focusing on God's great generosity; we acknowledge that everything we have comes from Him and the many blessings we enjoy are from His hand. As we do so we are called to ponder on how we can equip His church to be an effective witness in our community.

**Confession** – please kneel or sit

**Leader:** Let us bring before God, our loving heavenly Father, our sorrow for the times when we have misused our resources and failed to be generous in our response to Him.

**All: Heavenly Father, we are sorry for those times when we have failed to thank you for our many blessings.**

**Forgive us and help us**

**We enjoy so much in our world and in our lives but sometimes we forget that everything we have comes from you.**

**Forgive us and help us**

**We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but sometimes ignore the needs of others.**

**Forgive us and help us**

**We store up goods for ourselves as if there were no God and no heaven.**

**Forgive us and help us**

**Priest:** Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a Kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to your truth and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All: Amen.**

**The Collect:**

Most Gracious God, You have blest us with so many gifts, even the gift of everlasting life, give us joyful and thankful hearts and inspire us to work for your Kingdom here on earth until, by your grace, we take our place in the Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Ministry of the Word** – please sit

1st Reading: 1 Chronicles 29. 6-13

*The people present offerings for the work of the temple*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 12. 41-44

*Jesus praises the generosity of the poor widow*

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-12

*St Paul encourages faithful and regular giving*

**Hymn: 442** Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

**PRESENTATION**

**Time for reflection – music**

**Leader:** Let us stand to affirm our faith

**All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Hymn: 464** Take my life and let it be

*Our offerings are presented*

**Offering Prayer:** God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive this money with our gratitude for your goodness, our penitence for our pride and our dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

**The Intercessions** *followed by*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
For ever and ever, Amen.

**Hymn:** Lord, you love the cheerful giver

Lord, you love the cheerful giver,  
Who with open heart and hand

Blesses freely as a river  
That refreshes all the land.  
Grant us then the grace of giving  
With a spirit large and free,  
That our life and all our living  
We may consecrate to thee.

We are thine, thy mercy sought us  
Found us in death's dreadful way'  
To the fold in safety brought us,  
Nevermore from thee to stray.  
Thine own life thou freely gavest  
As an off'ring on the cross  
For each sinner whom thou savest  
From eternal shame and loss.

Blest by thee with gifts and graces  
May we heed thy church's call  
Gladly in all times and places  
Give to thee who givest all.  
Thou hast bought us, and no longer  
Can we claim to be our own;  
Ever free and ever stronger,  
We shall serve thee, Lord, alone.

Saviour, thou hast freely given  
All the blessings we enjoy,  
Earthly store and bread of heaven,  
Love and peace without alloy:  
Humbly now we bow before thee  
And our all to thee resign,  
For the kingdom, pow'r and glory  
Are, O Lord, forever thine.

### **The Blessing**

**Leader:** Let us go in the peace of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

Organ Voluntary

*Organist James Lilwall*