

## ***WELCOME!***

*We at St. Mark's Anglican Church are excited by the new life and transformation in this place, and we are delighted that you are here to celebrate this important occasion of remembrance at our parish.*

*We are a congregation committed to celebrating Christ's enduring love and respect for the dignity of all.*

*Here are some of the ways you can find out more about what is happening here and to watch our latest service please follow us on Facebook and YouTube.*

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## ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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### **Worship with Pride (WWP) Service of the Word**



**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 @ 4:30pm**

**Celebrant: Br. Robert Dylan Stewart**

Worship with PRIDE (WWP) is a community that seeks to be a safe and inclusive faith community for people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, marital status, family configuration, abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, faiths, and socio-economic circumstances, who will be encouraged to participate fully in all aspects of the life and work of our loving ministry, thereby enriching us all.

# Service of the Word

Welcome: Br. Robert Dylan Stewart

**OPENING HYMN:**

**Call to Worship:**

*(Rev. Anne Kelsey, trinity Episcopal Church, St. Louis)*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one Holy and living God

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed be the Creator of heaven and earth

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed be the Christ, child of the Holy One

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed be the Spirit, enlightening all life

**Blessed be God forever.**

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**Blessed be God forever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

**Collect (TEC)**

**Almighty God,**  
on this day you opened the way of eternal life  
to every race and nation by the promised gift of  
your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world  
by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends  
of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Featured LGBTQ (ALLY) Artist**

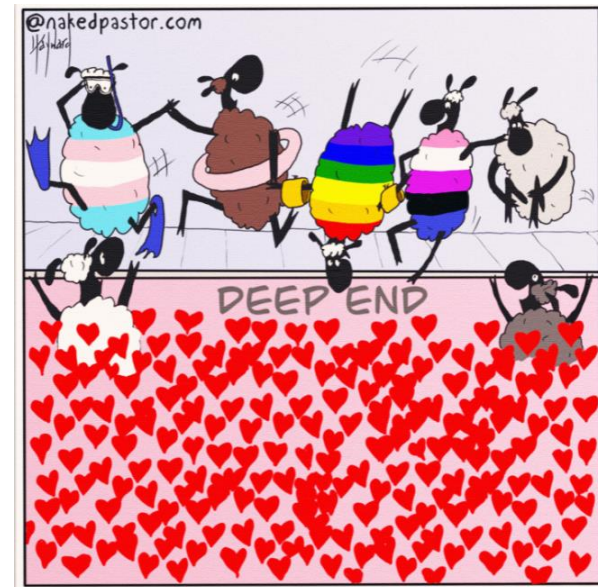
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David Hayward (aka The Naked Pastor) was baptized Anglican as a baby, came to faith in a Baptist church when he was a teenager, changed to Pentecostal in his late teens, married another Pentecostal named Lisa, was ordained Presbyterian, pastored a Vineyard church, and planted others. He has a Masters in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, as well as a Masters in Religious Studies and Ministry from McGill University in Montreal.

But in 2010 David left the professional paid clergy. He is still passionate about how people can find and follow their own spiritual path with courage and joy, as well as in how people can freely gather and form community in healthy ways. David started a blog called nakedpastor in 2006, and initiated his public analysis of religion, religious community and spirituality through his writings, art and cartoons. Thousands of people are challenged and entertained by nakedpastor every day. His art, cartoons, writings and book have found their way all around the world. David lives with his wife Lisa on the beautiful Kennebecasis River near Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. They have three grown children close by.

To learn more or purchase his art please visit:

<https://nakedpastor.com/collections/prints>



**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Doxology**

**Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God  
from generation  
to generation, in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Benediction (Rom. 15:5-6)**

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,  
in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may  
with one voice glorify the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **SENDING HYMN:**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ,  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

### **Proclamation of the Word**

*First Reading: Acts 2:1-21*



Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 104: 25-35,37*



The psalms help us speak of love for God  
O God, you are my God, I seek you  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.

**So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.**

So, I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you  
in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings  
I sing for joy.**

*Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27*



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**GRADUAL HYMN:**

*Gospel: 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon:** Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn

**Confession (ANZPB)**

God has promised forgiveness  
to all who truly repent,  
turn to Christ and faith  
and are themselves forgiving.  
In silence we call to our minds.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins  
confident in God's love and forgiveness:

**Most merciful God,  
We have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
we have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned and weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
we are truly sorry.  
we repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our savior Christ's sake,  
And renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.  
**Grant your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community.  
**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority  
in the nations of the world.  
**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.  
**Give us courage to proclaim your gospel.**

We pray in silence for our own needs ...  
*(silence)*

Praise to you, abundant God.  
**For when we ask, you give;  
when we seek, you show the way.  
When we knock, you answer.  
Praise to you for your unfailing grace.  
Make us to now your faithful people.  
Amen.**

**The Peace (ANZPB)**

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace  
**Who breaks down the walls that divide.**  
he peace of God be always with you.  
**Praise to Christ unites us in peace.**

**OFFERING HYMN:**

**The Lord's Prayer**

As Christ teaches us we pray:  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us,  
and to free us from all forms of oppression.**

**We believe in the Spirit of God,  
who works in and through all who are turned towards the  
truth.**

**We believe in the community of faith,  
which is called to be at the service of all people.  
We believe in God's power to transform and transfigure,  
fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth  
where justice and peace will flourish. Amen.**

Let us dedicate this time to invoking love and to giving thanks for  
love, for people, creatures, places, memories that we love, and for  
those who love us.

### **The Prayers of the People (ANZPB)**

Blessed are you eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified forever.**  
Loving God, here is as we pray for the unity of the church.  
**May we all be one that the world may believe.**  
Grant that every member of the church  
may truly and humbly serve you,  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

**We remember those who have died.**  
**Loving God, into your hands we commend them.**  
*(silence)*

We praise you for all your Saints  
who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May we also come to share your heavenly Kingdom.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness,  
grief or trouble.  
**In your presence may they find strength.**

### **Absolution (ANZPB)**

Through the cross of Christ,  
God have mercy on you,  
pardon you  
and set you free.  
know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### **Healing Prayer (Rev. Debra J. Hopkins)**

Loving Creator, Let the rain come and wash away the ancient  
grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let  
the rain wash away the memory of the heart, and neglect. Then Oh  
God, let the sun come out and fill the sky with beautiful rainbows.  
Let the warmth of the Sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let It  
burn away the fog so that each of us sees each other clearly. So  
that we can move beyond labels, beyond accents, gender, sexual  
orientation, or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun  
melt our selfishness. So that we can share the joy and sorrow of our  
neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see  
all people as our neighbors.  
Let the Earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us  
with your beauty, and let the mountains teach our hearts to reach  
upward to heaven. Then, Dear God, grant us comfort, give us  
peace, and allow us strength to enable us to Stand up, Fight for,  
and be a Voice for Equality. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **The Affirmation of Faith (ECUSA)**

**We believe in God, who is love,  
and who has given the earth to all people.**