

EVENING PRAYER
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Season after Epiphany 2022

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! The light of the world is among us!

Hymn of Praise

The Toast

**I say it's time to realize
That we hold a sloshing
Amount of light
In the cup of each cell
And some Divine Party Animal within
Continues to raise us
Like a glass of joy
In a toast of celebration
To the wonder of being —
Cheers!**

- Chelan Harkin

Collect

God of love, you call us by name, and we are yours: help us to hold fast to you in the midst of anxious times and respond to your call to bring your healing grace to the world around us. We pray because of Jesus; whose light leads us home. **Amen.**

Reading

Meditation

Examen and Confession

In this season of epiphanies, what new realizations have you experienced or remembered today?
What did you learn today?
Where did you see love today?

O God of love, when we have failed in loving, forgive us.
O God of peace, when we have failed in peacemaking, sustain us.
Make us aware, both of our need to grow, and of your ever-present grace. **Amen.**

God's grace is for us. We are beloved and forgiven. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*A Prayer Book for New Zealand*)

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver,
Author of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Blessing, light and glory surround us
And scatter the darkness of the long and lonely night.
- Jim Cotter, "Prayers at Night's Approaching"

Dismissal

The divine Spirit dwells in us,
Thanks be to God.
- Jim Cotter, ibid.