Session 2
'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty'

Ice-breaker

Is there a place where you naturally feel more peaceful, reflective or aware of God?

Discussion

Bishop Eleanor reflects on holiness not simply as something we strive for, but as a gift we receive in Christ. How does that shape the way you think about becoming holy?

Advent holds together what is already true and what we still long for. Where do you notice that tension between gratitude for what God has already done and longing for what you still want him to change?

Eleanor describes people and places that have awakened a sense of humility and gratitude in her. Who or what has had that effect on you?

What difference might it make to think of holiness not simply in terms of behaviour, but in terms of being welcomed, embraced and brought near to God?

Eleanor reflects on people whose prayer for their communities and practical action within them have become deeply connected. Where have you seen that kind of faith in action, and what did you find compelling about it?

Final reflection

Where might God be inviting you to notice holiness more deeply — in yourself, in other people, or in the places around you?

Prayer

"Holy God, thank you that you welcome us and make us your own. Make us more like Jesus, and help us to recognise your presence in the people and places around us."