



## Gathering Question

Group members take turns answering the gathering question, designed to help folks get to know each other better in classic ice-breaker fashion. Each one shares briefly before the group takes up the primary conversation for this particular time together.

*Where is your favorite place of natural beauty and why?*

## Conversation Prompt

Each person in the group responds in turn to the session's conversation prompt, which invites sharing of personal experiences and stories around faith and community. Generous listening and attending to how long each person shares will help everyone feel welcomed into the conversation.

*How did you find your way to the Episcopal Church? What does the Episcopal Church do to feed your spirit and strengthen your connection with God? What keeps you coming back?*

## Insights and Invitations

As the conversation draws to a close, facilitators may lift up insights from what has unfolded within the group session, including questions suited for additional personal reflection or for revisiting together in the group's next gathering.

*Facilitator Insights and Invitations*

## Closing Prayer

Each gathering concludes with a time of prayer, suited to group disposition. Whether the group embraces a pattern of sharing personal favorites, joining in The Lord's Prayer, or leveraging the closing prayer provided in the conversation guide, this time of caring strengthens the connections we know through the love of Jesus Christ, at work in human community.

Adapted from Eucharistic Prayer C (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 369)

**Leader:** Our Lord be with you.

**Responder:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

*We invite your prayers and thanksgivings in the chat to be read aloud by The Responder.*

*A period of silence is kept after the last prayer request before The Leader prays:*

**Leader:** God of all power, Guardian of our Galaxy, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
From your imagination all things came to be. You bring each of us forth,  
blessing us with memory, reason, and skill.

Daily, we turn against you by turning against one another.  
Again and again, you call us to return to your perfect love.  
You sent your only Son, born of a woman,  
to open for us the way of freedom and peace  
by showing us how to be human at full-stretch.

**Responder:** So, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,  
and with all those in every generation to proclaim:  
Holy, holy, holy!

**Leader:** And all God's beloved children said,

**Responder:** Amen!