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The liturgy for the Blue Christmas Service, offered on **Wednesday 14th December**, responded to the Advent Sculpture. We lit candles at the journey place for Christmas hope, at the birthing place for Christmas peace, in the place of the gift for Christmas joy and in the cradling place for the embrace of love.



The Reflection, adapted from 'When the World was Dark' (Cloth for the Cradle) offered a series of questions to the Holy One - Will you come into the darkness of tonight's world, into the quietness of this city, into the dark corners and quiet places of our lives?, each time coupled with another question - Will you come ... and do something different ...?

Lighting the Christ Candle, Ian said

*We light this candle for the birth of our Saviour a reminder that in the darkness of life the light of Christ shines, showing us the way the way to live in hope to seek peace, to respond with joy and to rest in the unfathomable love of God.*



He then invited us to respond through actions: to place a stone on the road of the journey, to dip our hands in the water of the birthing place, to light a candle alongside the gifts and to place flowers in the cradling place.

We shared Holy Communion gathered around the table and among the sculpture.

You can read the full candle lighting liturgy and reflection [here](#).

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