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Holding Light

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We stood in a circle around the darkened sanctuary on a cold December evening.
We held our candles up high and sang.

And I thought,
“This is the Church, throughout time and space, holding a light in the night.
And singing.”

This is who we are:

This is Church:

Holding light.

Not the light of Absolute Truth. Not the light of My Way. Not the light of Colonization.
But the light of defiance and hope.

The light that shines even when the gloom is a given.

Even when all our phone calls, all our letters, all our work and voting, all our organizing
and reaching out, all our rallies and marches don't make a difference,

Even as fascism rears its alluring head and seduces the masses with its Siren song and
easy answers,

Even then: A candle in the night.

This is who we are:

This is Church:

Movement. Acting. Singing in the night.

Ritual and voting.

Prayer. Dismantling systems that oppress and destroy.

A fight against extinction.

The power of love.



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