

Before Candle Lighting

IN THE BEGINNING: emptiness and chaos;
a great darkness over the deep.

The spirit of God moved over the waters.

Explosion of light—

the long chain of emerging life;

behold: it was very good.

These candles evoke the very first light.

Out of the darkness came reason, purpose,
consciousness of beauty;

the power to discern and do what is right.

Let us hold the light in our hearts.

Let us bring it with us into the darkest corners of creation.

Where there is pain and fear, let us offer the light of love.