



Yule Ritual

SET UP THE RITUAL AREA, ALTARS, SET UP TABLE FOR POTLUCK AND SOLSTICE FAIRY GIFTS

Ritual begins...

Do a whoop together to align energies once more and get out the "loudness" that wants to bubble up and threatens to break our silence for the next part.

(Someone lets everyone know): Voice has been used for thousands of year to invoke and praise Divinity. Today we invoke the Sacred Child, and the elements with our voices as we enter circle space. The words of our song becomes invocation so please, everyone sing!

We will each go into the circle space and go to the altar and light a candle. One candle isn't enough to illuminate the space but as the candles are lit adding their light to the whole, think about how together we when add our light to the whole and how the whole space radiates with light.

*(All sing as they enter): Silent Night, Solstice Night to the tune of *Silent Night, Holy Night*.*

Silent night, Solstice Night
All is calm, all is bright
The Mother slumbers in forest and glen
Till in Springtime She wakens again
Sleeping spirits grow strong!
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Silent night, Solstice night
Silver moon shining bright
Snowfall blankets the slumbering Earth
Yule fires welcome the Sun's rebirth
Hark, the Light is reborn!
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(Sing twice if need be to allow everyone to get into the room and light a candle and find their place in circle. As each enters the room, each go to the altar and lights a candle on the altar before finding a place in the circle around the sunburst on the floor. All stand quietly. When all have gathered, we begin.)

Why we Gather today...

(NAME):

THE TIME OF REBIRTH IS UPON US.

OUTDOORS THE WEATHER TURNS COLD AND FROSTY, AND THE INDOORS WELCOMES US TO GATHER, THE HEARTH FIRES



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BURN WARM AND BRIGHT.

(NAME): WE ARE CALLED NOW TO REFLECT ON THE PAST CYCLE OF DAYS, TO BE SILENT, TO BE STILL.

AMIDST A TIME OF YEAR THAT SHOULD INSPIRE US TO SLOW DOWN AND REST-- MODERN LIFE URGES US TO RUSH AND HURRY, PLAN AND PREPARE. TODAY WE GATHER TO LEAVE BEHIND THOSE ENERGIES FOR A WHILE. HERE WE SET OUR INTENT AND GIVE TIME AND SPACE TO PLANT OUR FEET FIRMLY AND GROUND TO MOTHER EARTH.

(NAME): NOW LET'S ALL CLOSE OUR EYES AND JUST BREATHE...FOCUS ON JUST BREATHING NOW. (INHALE TOGETHER, EXHALE, INHALE, EXHALE, INHALE, EXHALE) LET'S REALLY TUNE INTO THE QUIET AND PEACEFUL ENERGIES AVAILABLE TO US NOW.

(PAUSE FOR A FEW MOMENTS AND THEN CONTINUE)

(NAME): WE HONOR THE SACRED CHILD TODAY, THE GOLDEN BIRTH THAT REPRESENTS THE CHANGES OF SEASONS AND HOW LIFE RENEWS ITSELF ONCE AGAIN. SOON, WE WILL SEE SIGNS OF THAT REBIRTH AS SEEDS PUSH THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SNOWS OF EARLY SPRING. UNTIL THEN, WE CAN NURTURE THE QUIET WONDER OF OUR INNER CHILD, CELEBRATE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HONOR OUR PHYSICAL SELVES BY TAKING CARE, AND REJOICE IN THE RENEWAL OF LIFE!

(NAME):

LET US COME TOGETHER AGAIN...

WE EACH CARRY WITHIN US A RAY OF GOLDEN LIGHT.

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, WE BECOME BRIGHT AND DAZZLING LIKE THE GREAT SUN.

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS THE LIGHT IS REBORN, WE TOO ARE REBORN INTO THIS NEW LIGHT.

LET US ASSIST THE GODDESS IN HER LABOR BY **RAISING THE SUN**. SO THAT THE SUN'S WARMTH SPREADS AGAIN ACROSS THE LAND BRINGING JOY AND NEW GROWTH TO US ALL.

(Or something of the like)

We each pick up our ray (ribbon) off of the floor so that the center ring is still touching the floor.

Intention is: concentrating on raising energies for peace and love and sending them into the center of the ring (or Sun symbol) where they can be gathered and then released to be manifested.

Slowly, slowly, someone shakes a rattle signaling the movement of the circle. We circle around Sunwise.

Raising the center ring a few inches off the floor.

Once around, we go a bit faster now, around several times and a drummer begins to play a small drum. He builds until he is playing his djembe and another drum as we circle faster, building energy. The Center ring keeps rising as we circle around physically "raising the Sun." We continue to raise the center ring until it is chest level and the circle is really whirling now.



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WHEN THE RING IS AT CHEST LEVEL (NAME) SHOUTS OVER DRUMMING: WE ARE SPOKES ON THE GREAT WHEEL. WE ARE THE STRONG THREADS ON THE GREAT WEB, WE ARE THE GOLDEN RAYS OF THE SUN'S LIGHT. WE ARE A CIRCLE, WITHIN A CIRCLE, WITH NO BEGINNING, AND NEVER ENDING. LET'S GATHER OUR ENERGIES AND SEND THEM OUT, ADDING OUR PEACE AND LOVE. (Yell, whoop, etc.)

Everyone sings *Joy to the World, The Sun Returns*

Joy to the World! The Sun returns!
Let all who live rejoice!
Let every heart receive the healing light
And every voice be heard
And every voice be heard
And every voice in song be heard!

Give Thanks (Devote)

Feast and Solstice Fairy Giveaway, if applicable.
Wishes for the Yule Log, if applicable