

# Yule 2012

*Ritual written and led by Adriana  
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We gather here tonight to celebrate Yule. This is the Winter Solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year, and the birthday of the sun. We will celebrate the birth of the God, the Sun, the Child of Hope; we will celebrate the cycle of Death and Rebirth, and will connect with a Winter or a Sun deity.

At this time of the year the Divine Light reaches the inner most centre of the globe, impregnating the Earth with its Life. It is the birth of the Sun, and creates a new growth cycle; the Earth and all beings are made ready for a fresh beginning.

The Full Moon in Capricorn with Sun in Cancer is all about the structures, work and goals you make in regards to your life, security and home. At this juncture you have the cosmic energies with you to start moving into the bigger picture of your purpose on Earth and what you are here to achieve from the level of yourself as a Co-creator.

Dec 25 (Christmas/Yule time in the Northern Hemisphere) is also the Birthday of Several Pagan Gods:

Horus (Egypt 3000 BC)  
Attis (Greece 1200 BC)  
Mithra (Persia 1200 BC)  
Krishna (India 900 BC)  
Dionysus (Greece 500 BC)  
Tammuz ( Babylonian )  
Saturn/Cronos ( Roman/Greek )

We will work with the 3 aspects of Self or the Three Souls in our ritual. These are according to the Reclaiming Tradition:

Younger Self (unconscious mind),  
Talking Self (verbal and conscious expression),  
Deep or God Self (Divine within)

## **Casting the Circle**

"By the power of the Dragons may this Circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified". Three times around the Circle while holding a candle. All others visualize a protecting light surrounding it.

## **Calling of Elements**

### **For each element:**

We call upon the powers of \*Element\*. Power of (you say a quality/aspect/power of the element, then each person in turn will say one as well); once it has gone around the Circle the Caller then draws the Pentacle and says "we have invoked the power of \*element\*. Hail and Welcome!

### **Goddess:**

We call upon The Goddess by Her many names. Goddess (you say the name of a Goddess/your Patron/a Sun Goddess/a Winter Goddess, then each person in the Circle will say one name), we then put our hands in the Goddess position and Caller says. Goddess we welcome you into our Circle. Hail and Welcome!

## God:

We call upon the God by His many names. God (you say the name of a God/your Patron/a Sun God/a Winter God, then each person in the Circle will say one name), we then put our hands in the Osiris position and Caller says. God we welcome you into our Circle. Hail and Welcome!

There will be a spiral drawn on the floor. In the middle of it there will be a cauldron surrounded by candles, flowers and greenery. Each person walks one by one to the centre of the spiral and grabs a little pouch from the cauldron, then returns to their seat.

While this happens all chant:

We All Come From the Goddess  
And to Her we shall return  
Like a drop of rain  
Flowing to the ocean

Hoof and horn  
Hoof and horn  
All that dies shall be reborn  
Corn and grain  
Corn and grain  
All that falls shall rise again

Each pouch contains sunflower seeds to symbolise the birth of the Sun, and the name of a Winter or Sun Deity. Meditation on the Circle of death and rebirth, and connect with the Deity.

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Recommended reading and references:

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By Earth, Sky and Sea, by Gede Parma  
<http://www.culturemagic.org/PDF/c5Reclaiming.pdf>