**Solitary Yule Ritual**

Cast the Circle

Stand at the Northern edge of the area you designate to be your circle, facing outward. With your dominant index finger, feel energy build within you and flow down through your finger, out to the edge of your circle. Once you feel it flowing out of you, begin to trace your circle with your index finger pointing down to the ground and gradually walk sunwise, tracing the perimeter of your circle. If needed, make two or three rounds to really "feel" the energy flowing, and as the circle is marked on the ground, feel it extending upward and inward to create a dome, or half-sphere enclosing you, knowing that the other half is extending down beneath you so that you are in the middle of a giant ball. As you are forming the circle, say:

“I build this magic circle, to create a space of peace and love between the Worlds. As my energy builds these walls, I can feel the God and Goddess adding theirs as well. May only good come from this space - as I will, so mote it be!”

Invoke the Quarters

Proceed to the Eastern edge of the circle and say:

“Spirits of the East, attend and bless this circle with the element of Air.”

Light the candle, and visualize yellow light flowing from this gateway into the circle. When you can feel it, then proceed to the Southern edge of the circle and say:

“Spirits of the South, attend and bless this circle with the element of Fire.”

Light the candle, and visualize red light flowing from this gateway into the circle. When you can feel it, then proceed to the Western edge of the circle and say:

“Spirits of the West, attend and bless this circle with the element of Water.”

Light the candle, and visualize blue light flowing from this gateway into the circle. When you can feel it, then proceed to the Northern edge of the circle and say:

“Spirits of the North, attend and bless this circle with the element of Earth.”

Light the candle, and visualize green light flowing from this gateway into the circle.

Invite the God and Goddess

Say:

“Beautiful Maiden, who dances on the breeze, Gentle Mother, who holds her children dear, Wise Crone, who teaches us lessons we don't always wish to learn. Join with me in this space, and may I be Blessed.”

“Verile Father, shining brightly upon your children, Agile Hunter, Son of the Goddess, Wise Man of the Oak, sturdy and strong, Smiling upon us even when you have been cut down. Join with me in this space, and may I be Blessed.”

Recite the Sabbat Prayer for Yule by saying aloud:

“The light is rising in the East this morn

and by the Goddess, our God is born.

The Oak King is victorious this night,

and brings with him a promise bright.

Of warmer days and happy times,

as he grows into his prime.”

Meditate on this, and reflect upon any images that come to mind through the meaning of Yule.

**When you are ready, perform any magical work you desire.**

Perform the "Cakes and Ale" rite

Raise the chalice in both hands, saying:

“The Sun has ripened the fruit of the Earth.”

Return the chalice to the altar and touch the drink with your athame, saying:

“This drink is blessed by both the God and Goddess.”

As you are about to take a drink from the cup, say:

“May I too be blessed.”

Hold your hands over the cakes, saying:

“The moon has shone down upon the grain, These cakes are blessed by both the God and Goddess.”

As you are about to take a bite from the cake, say:

“May I too be blessed.”

Closing the Circle

Thank the God and Goddess for attending you ritual.

Move to the East candle, and as you extinguish it, say:

“Spirits of the East, thank you for your presence here. May you go in peace.”

Move to the South candle, and as you extinguish it, say:

”Spirits of the South, thank you for your presence here. May you go in peace.”

Move to the West candle, and as you extinguish it, say:

“Spirits of the West, thank you for your presence here. May you go in peace.”

Move to the North candle, and as you extinguish it, say:

“Spirits of the North, thank you for your presence here. May you go in peace.”

Move once again to the North, and with your non-dominant index finger, touch the edge of the circle, drawing the energy back into your hand (don't let it move all the way into you, just as far as your arm) as you walk desoil around the circle. When you have returned to the North and the circle no longer remains, return to the altar in the center and pointing the same index finger down into the Earth, release all of the energy into the ground and finish by extinguishing the incense and candle on the altar.