



Winter Solstice Celebration

Based on *A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual* ©2002 by Julie Forest Middleton and Stasa Morgan-Appel

Introduction Karen Armina

Processional and Casting the Circle

"We Are a Circle" Rick Hamouris

The Darkness

"Solstice Chant" Anne Bearheart, arr. Julie Middleton

"Winter Solstice Meditation" by Judith Laura, adapted

"Dark of Winter" Shelley Jackson Denham

"Sweet Darkness" by David Whyte

"Though My Soul" Music F.J. Hayden; words Sarah Williams

"What Is This Night?" by Julie Middleton

"Wings" Suzanne Sterling

Silent Meditation Karen Armina

Bringing the Light

"Deep in the Dark" Anne Ophikia Alekner, arr. Julie Middleton

Litany: "The Light Is Reborn" by Liz Benjamin

"This Little Light of Mine" trad., arr. Karen Escovitz (Otter)

Sharing the Light

"Our deepest fear..." by Marianne Williamson

"We've Got the Power" South African, trad.

"The Shortest Day" by Susan Cooper

"One Spirit" Spiral Rhythm

"Winter Solstice Meditation" by Judith Laura, adapted

"Let the Spirit Come to You" Anodea Judith

Benediction and Opening the Circle

"Blessing for the Longest Night" by Jan Richardson

"Carry It Home" Betsy Rose, arr Karen Escovitz (Otter)

Recessional

"When We Are Gone" Starhawk and Anne Hill, arr. Julie Middleton

Gratitude to:

The JRUUC Winter Solstice Choir

Mike Clawson
Sophie Hannauer
Rand Hill
Kirsten Johnson
Rhonda McAllister
Marla McFadden
Molly Mitchell
Heike Saynisch
Alice Schuman-Johnson
Jean Skinner
Barbara Vedder
Amanda Werhane

Readers

Karen Armina, liturgist
Deb Myrbo
Eva Wingren

Tech Support

Mike Stimson

Greeters

Rhonda Brodbeck
Kelly Kearns
Michael Nunley

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