

# ASCENSIO

(E.S.S.G) 4 = 7 **Rituum Officium - Graal Seasonal**

- I Grail Mass (High or Low)
- II Consecration of the Quest
- III Graal Mystrium (Ascensio)

## Introduction

Following the time of awakening which the dawning of super-consciousness appropriately expresses as the Eosmass, comes the period of ascending awareness which heightens ones' spiritual sensibilities in preparation for the manifestation of the Graal Spirit. The Ascension signifies that the awakening has occurred and the focus of ones' desires is to experience the rapture and ecstasy of union with the absolute state of existence. This is personified as the Illuminated Perfect Initiate.

### 1. The Octagon of Spirit

The Priestess in the East bows and gives salute to the Eastern Watchtower and intones the letter *A'ayn* and intones the formula word *A'aur* (To Awake). The Priestess then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Inferior, projecting a purple energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name *Enubeha*.

The Priestess says:

**Behold, we have awakened, and the light is revealed before us, the path is illuminated, the way is made known. In our hands has been placed the key which shall unlock the mystery of our soul. It is the time of the coming of the divine illuminated being, and we are prepared to begin the process of the World of Transformation.**

**I invoke thee, Elaine of Carbonek, of the lineage of the guardians of the Graal. Who brought into manifestation the supreme spiritual champion for us to follow, each in our own manner.**

The Priestess in the South bows and gives salute to the Southern Watchtower and intones the letter *Nun* and intones the formula word *N'um* (Oracle). The Priestess then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Inferior, projecting a purple energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name *Enubeha*.

The Priestess says:

**Behold, we hear the words whispered to our ears from the lips of the illuminated being, speaking pure words of love, power, truth, and wisdom. We are glorified by this outpouring of portents and visions. In this manner do we experience the inexhaustive bounty of the well of spiritual knowledge.**

**I invoke thee, Dindrane, sister of Perlesvaus, the embodiment of selfless devotion to the quest, and mediatrix of the Sangreal.**

The Priestess in the West bows and gives salute to the Western Watchtower and intones the letter **Cheth** and intones the formula word **Chabar** (To Bind Together). The Priestess then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Inferior, projecting a purple energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name **Enubeha**.

The Priestess says:

**Behold, we are inspired and therefore we seek the highest state of being, knowing that this state is expressed as unity. We seek unity for it is the origin of consciousness and the final destination of enlightenment. For thus when we experience this long sought after benefaction, we will know the bliss of being whole and liberated.**

**I invoke thee, Repanse de Schoy, Grail Maiden and beauteous giver of inspiration. You are the Priestess of the Graal and revealer of the mysteries -- the mysteries made Flesh.**

The Priestess in the North bows and gives salute to the Northern Watchtower and intones the letter **Lamad** and intones the formula word **Lahat** (Magick). The Priestess then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Inferior, projecting a purple energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name **Enubeha**.

The Priestess says:

**Behold, the weilder of light who is known as the theurgist. The maker of magick is the bestower of meaning and purpose to life, thus forging the tools of individual destiny. The perfect initiate is the master of the magickal arts. For to be awake and to know unity is also to become the channel for the fulfillment of the spiritual destiny of all humanity.**

**I invoke thee, Cundrie, Dark Damsel of Wisdom and sovereign of all sorcery. You are the messenger and expounder of the Graal. We shall meet you upon the path of realization.**

The Celebrant in the Center bows and gives salute to the Infrapoint and intones the letter ***Resh*** and intones the formula word ***Rum*** (To Ascend). The Celebrant then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Inferior, projecting a purple energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name ***Enubeha***.

The Celebrant says:

**Behold, we have achieved spiritual liberation. The light draws us upward in ever increasing spirals of ecstatic attainment. This is the time of trials and contention, and we are made worthy in our successful resolution of them. For we are made purified and composed so that we shall be prepared for the ultimate ordeal which is the manifestation of the Absolute Spirit.**

**I invoke thee, Marah Sophia, the hidden wisdom which becomes manifest to us as we follow the path to the Graal.**

The Celebrant then draws the four Watchtowers together through the Infrapoint using the sword and therefore are the lines of force drawn together.

The Sentinel in the Southeast bows and gives salute to the Southeastern Angle and intones the formula word ***Epithumia*** (Gnosis of Justinus). The Sentinel then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Superior, projecting a white energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name ***Enubeha***.

The Sentinel says:

**The Gnosis of Desire reconnects the aspirant to the source of the flesh and the spirit. For through Baruchiel is the joy and ecstasy of the Spirit revealed through the exaltation of the flesh.**

**I invoke thee, Perlesvaus, seeker of the Graal and initiated soul on the path to Gnosis.**

The Sentinel in the Southwest bows and gives salute to the Southwestern Angle and intones the formula word ***Sophia*** (The Gnosis of Valentinus). The Sentinel then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Superior, projecting a white energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the Name ***Enubeha***.

The Sentinel says:

**The Gnosis of Wisdom causes our redemption through the potency of inspiration and illumination. For it is taught that only an individual may see the spirit and understand its significance. The ritual expresses the myth which is a symbol for the experience itself. Each must seek it alone and non may interpret for another its mystery.**

**I invoke thee, Calixtus, Hermit of the Graal, known to all, seen by few. You are hidden from the profane but seen by those of true intent for whom you are a guide.**

The Sentinel in the Northwest bows and gives salute to the Northwestern Angle and intones the formula word ***Isxus*** (The Gnosis of Simon Magus). The Sentinel then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Superior, projecting a white energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name ***Enubeha***.

The Sentinel says:

**The Gnosis of Power gives to the aspirant the means for self redemption and spiritual exaltation. The will is the sword of power which the initiate wields as the determiner of destiny. For we have before us numerous choices and the path forks at every place of mediation, therefore must we take the initiative and follow our spiritual goals.**

**I invoke thee, Bors, steadfast soldier of the path, and retriever of the splendor of Sarras for the benefit of all humanity.**

The Sentinel in the Northeast bows and gives salute to the Northeastern Angle and intones the formula word ***Abraxas*** (The Gnosis of Basilides). The Sentinel then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Superior, projecting a white energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name ***Enubeha***.

The Sentinel says:

**The Gnosis of Emanations is also the gnosis of the natural spiritual evolution. For that which has manifested shall eventually find its way again to the highest point wherein the emanations started, the Spiritual Source, the Cosmic Egg of eternal beginnings. Yet to those who are initiated is given the upward spiral of resurgent emanations and ultimate liberation.**

**I invoke thee, Merlin, originator and architect of the quest for the Holy Graal, and master teacher of the company of the quest.**

The Celebrant in the Center bows and gives salute to the Ultra Point and intones the formula word ***Lux et Tenebris*** (The Gnosis of the ESSG). The Celebrant then draws the invoking Pentagram of Spirit Superior, projecting a white energy into it and sealing the pentagram with an invoking spiral, intoning the name ***Enubeha***.

The Celebrant says:

**The Gnosis of Magick is the method and technique which we, who are part of the Western Mystery tradition, utilize to gain the light of the inner paths and the perfect union with the Absolute. For magick is the underlying system of transformation for all other systems of Gnosis.**

**I invoke thee, Lux Christos, the anointed and illuminated perfect initiate, the resultant light of the obtainment of Gnosis.**

The Celebrant then draws the four Angles together through the Ultra point using the sword and therefore are the lines of force drawn together.

## **2. Penetrating the Gate Threshold**

Then all participants meditate in silence while the celebrant sets the three talismantic gate keys; one in the Southeast Angle (The Hierophant V), one in the Western Watchtower (The Tower XVI), and one in the Northeast Angle (Fortune X), with the appropriate Tarot trumps placed on each.

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Southeast, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu V)

**The keys to the true self are given to the seeker who strives for liberation and union with the Absolute. For the ordeals are difficult and the path is filled with adversity. Therefore are the five keys given.**

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Western Watchtower, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu XVI)

**That which we must conquer is the wall of lies which we built to obscure the truth. We have built a safe world in which to live, but that security is false. For society's morals are corrupt and the spiritual institutions bankrupt.**

The Celebrant draws an invoking spiral in the Northeast, charging the gate key therein and says:

(Atu X)

**The path of becoming one with the spirit is an endless process. We strive upon its breadth knowing that the end stretches to eternity. This may seem a fruitless task because the goal is always beyond our reach. But to walk the path and to know its glory and ecstasy is our greatest compensation. Keep moving and thus escape all death!**

The Grail Priestess makes the sign of the parting of the threshold in the center of the circle and advances through this threshold and stands in the gate, drawing the Infra point and Ultra point into union within her body. She then stands, facing the East.

### **3. The Beatification**

The Four Sentinels of the Grail along with all honored assistants circumambulate deocil around the magick circle. They say as they slowly walk.

Sentinel SE:

**We seek the ecstasy and liberation of our beings, from the heart of the feminine Graal spirit. Release us and let us experience the rapture of knowing your beauteous splendor. We adore you and send forth our love and passion so that they may be made pure and unfettered by your grace.**

Sentinel SW:

**We seek your compassion and understanding, O inspirer of sacred poetry and song, so that we may glimpse the mantle of pure spirit set out to cover our tragic nakedness. For ignorance is our enemy and knowledge is our friend. Come to us and give to each a vision of truth and a revelation of self transformation.**

Sentinel NW:

**We seek your power and your indomitable pursuit for meaning and direction. Cast down upon us your blessing of light and comprehension. For the will is nothing without truth and insight. These qualities shall guide the adept to the realms of wonder and beauty, to the unification of body and spirit.**

Sentinel NE:

**We seek the blessing of redemption and the knowledge of how to return upon the inward paths that lead to thee. The cosmic womb is the source of all manifestation and therefore is the feminine Graal spirit revealed as the origin and the ultimate achievement for the pure spiritual seeker.**

Then the Grail Priestess says, standing in the center of the circle.

**I am the Graal Priestess and I am the Chalice of the Well of all hearts. For I contain the elixir which inspires and gives visions; I am the fulfillment of desire, and I am death. The power that transforms is the ultimate power, yet the Graal transforms everything and is continually transforming itself. For behold, the Graal is the flesh of womanhood exalted in its beauty and splendor!**

Then the Grail Priest stands before his Priestess in the center of the circle and bows before her, he says.

**O beautiful Priestess of the Graal, our hearts are open to thee. We adore the light of the Graal Spirit which emanates from your heart. Send us your blessings so that we may continue to be connected with the spirit of feminine grace. For the feminine spirit is the solution to the world of sorrow and tragedy.**

The circumambulation is completed and sentinels kneel in their respective angles. The rest of the assembly kneel with the sentinels, thus forming a circle around the Graal Priest and Priestess. The Graal Priest then kisses her feet, knees, belly, breasts, and lips. He then kneels before her in adoration and says:

**I call thee, O Marah Sophia, lady of the inspiration of spiritual ecstasy. We seek for the gaining of the threshold of the mystery. Therefore we invoke thee in the flesh of thy chosen lady, to become a sacrament of the Grail and to channel for us the grace and blessing of the Absolute. Give us thy blessings, O pure and noble one, speak words of wisdom and inspiration so that we may know the secret way. Through thy wine are we made one with thee and thou art one with us.**

The Priest then makes the sign of the equal arm cross upon the Lady standing before him. With his right hand he touches her forehead, solar plexus, right shoulder, left shoulder, and centers the focus of power upon her heart, intoning the name *Marah Sophia*. He says:

(Book of the Savior)

**Auer Bebrf Athroni Eourepf Ef wne Souphen Knitousochref ph Maufr nbi  
Mnemf r Souf ni Chochetef ph Chf cheetef ph Memf ch Anemph.**

Then the Grail Priest makes the sign of the triangle upon the person of the Grail Priestess, touching her left breast, right breast and her yoni, saying:

**I invoke thee, pure light of the Graal, to descend into this thy Graal Priestess so that we may be partakers of the sacrament of the feminine Graal Spirit. I invoke thee by the three states of Enlightenment, Inspiration, and Illumination - Beatification!**

The Grail Priestess opens her arms to receive the Graal Spirit and says:

**I am the pure and lovely spirit of she whose heart is the Graal for all Humanity. The blessings of the spiral pathway to attainment is given to you who commune with my essence. The way is pointed out by the light coming forth from the spiritual dawn. You are drawn on the pathway, tested by trials and completed by your own process. This is the Golden Path which leads to my secret embrace wherein the light and darkness merge into one. They who follow the trials of this path are the initiated and anointed of humanity who shall evolve through selfless love into the vanguard of humanity.**

Then when the above invocation is completed, the Graal Priestess blesses the Graal Priest and he kisses her hands. He stands and moves over to her right side as she makes the sign of the opening portal gesture and steps three steps forward to the Eastern Watchtower. Then the Graal Priest and Priestess say the following dialogue.



*Priest* - **Who does the grail serve?**

*Lady* - **It serves the initiate upon the path of spiritual union.**

*Priest* - **From whence did it come?**

*Lady* - **From the womb of the great mother.**

*Priest* - **To whither does it go?**

*Lady* - **To the salvation of all humanity.**

Then each sentinel in turn proceeds to kneel in front of the Graal Priestess as she gives a blessing (the laying on of hands). Then the rest of the assembly proceeds, one at a time, to kneel before the Graal Priestess to receive a blessing. When this is completed, the Graal Priest and Graal Priestess throw handfuls of rose petals into the air and everyone bows low to receive the descending spiritual grace. Then all meditate quietly for a period of time.

*[At this point the Mystery Presentation and Initiation of the Pontifex (5=6) is performed with only those who are eligible remaining to assist. When it is completed, those excluded may return.]*

The Graal Priestess returns to the center of the circle, next to the Graal Priest, she says.

**I am Mara Sophia, the great Feminine Spirit of the Universe. Today the pathways of spiritual evolution are opened and you are encouraged to bravely go forth with eyes and hearts open to the wisdom that is taught. Let the process of Ascension bring forth to all humanity the evolution of consciousness.**

Then the Graal Priest exits from the circle through the East and is followed by the Graal Priestess. She makes the sign of the closing portal gesture and makes sealing spirals to the Northeastern Angle, the Western Watchtower, and finally the Southeastern Angle.

The Celebrant then seals up the four Angles, four Watchtowers and the Ultrapoint and Infrapoint. The vortex is now completed.