PENTECOSTE

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

Introduction

The Pentecoste, which in Greek means 50, is the fiftieth day after the *Eosmass* and as such it represents the return of the spirit after 7 weeks. Whereas the awakening and the arising awareness are the states that humanity experiences as a transformation, the Manifestation of Grace which is the Pentecoste is bestowed by the Absolute Spirit as a gift to those made worthy by that transformation. The Pentecoste is a celebration of the ecstatic revelation of the Graal Spirit.

I Grail Mass (High or Low) II Consecration of the Quest III Graal Mysterium (Pentecoste)

1. The Octagon of Spirit

The Priestess in the East bows and gives salute to the Eastern Watchtower and intones the letter *Mim* and intones the formula word *Malak* (A Herald). 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 call and we understand the words of power and vision. For the spirit shall speak through individuals who have perfected the god-intoxication. There is given the knowledge of the future and also the meaning and significance of life. The speaker shall appear as spirit, dream image, and the divinely inspired humanity.

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 *Heh* and intones the formula word *Hadar* (Splendor). 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:

Order of the Gnostic Star Series - Grail Seasonal Ceremonies

Behold, we see the light of inspiration radiating down upon us. Our hearts are filled with the bliss and ecstasy of the glory of the spirit. This is called the visitation and occurs only once each year. The light of the graal sacrament as tongues of flame, emerges. Thus is revealed the essence of the graal in its beauty.

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 *Gimel* and intones the formula word *G'aulym* (Redemption). 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 made anew by the blessings of the spirit. When we are opened and prepared to receive illumination then the spirit shall manifest to our senses and give to us the experience of union. For through unity is our path made clear and meaningful. We are released from the bondage of ignorance and have acheived the liberation of the spirit.

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 *Kalph* and intones the formula word *Kippurim* (Expiation). 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 blessings of the manifested grace of the spirit has cleansed us from our self created guilt and our confusion of purpose. From this time foward we are guided by the shedding forth of the light and by our inward volition which has been made pure of materialistic ambitions. We have become a vehicle for the channeling of the grace and glory of the absolute.

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 Infra-Point and intones the letter *Tzadi* and intones the formula word *Tzahal* (To Rejoice). 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, let us celebrate the manifestation of the grace of the spirit. For happiness is merely the whim of fortune, and we seek the permanent state of inspiration and enthusiasm, wherein shall the gods find a residence in our lives and their light shall cause in us a glorious illumination. In this fashion may we be blessed by the spirit forever, and may this blessing be passed on to all whom we meet.

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 Infra-point 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 of the 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 of the 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 of the 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 of the 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 beauteous 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 Eoureph Ef wne Souphen Knitousochref ph Mauf 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, illumination and 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 manifested grace of the Graal Spirit is given to you who commune with my essence. The descending blessing is the outpouring of love for you from my heart, the source of spiritual love. For as lovers, you are impassioned and bonded in union with me. I am in you and you are in me. This, my gift, is eternal; for wherever shall you wander, I shall be there with you, and you shall not be alone. I am your beloved and the light of my spirit shall not leave you ever. Thus is revealed the mystery of spiritual union.

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.

Grail Priest - Whom does the Grail serve?

- *Lady* It serves the initiate upon the path of spiritual union.
- Grail Priest From whence did it come?
- *Lady* From the womb of the Great Mother.

Grail 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 grace of the Graal spirit has descended to dwell with you, and you are all mightily blessed. With hearts awakened and opened, you have been tested, and therefore found both pure and redeemed. Let this blessing fill your hearts and guide your future actions. May the grace of the spirit be with you always.

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 Ultra point and Infra-point.

Order of the Gnostic Star Series - Grail Seasonal Ceremonies

The vortex is now completed.