

Beltane '08 with Treibh na Tíntean

- EAST:** Beltane is here! It is a time when the Earth is fertile and full.
NORTH: Long ago, our ancestors planted their fields at Beltane.
WEST: The fields that lay fallow for months are now warm and waiting.
SOUTH: The soil that was dormant for the winter now begs us to plant our seeds.
SPIRIT: The Earth is awakening and ripe, and this is the season of love and passion.
5 DIRS: It is a season of fire!

DIRECTIONS:

- EAST:** O' Spirit of the East / Ancient Guardian - One of Air / I call you now to attend this Circle
Charged by your powers / Welcome thee Sylph, Elemental Air, to my circle. So mote it be.
- NORTH:** O' Spirit of the North / Ancient Guardian - One of Earth / I call you now to attend this circle
Charged by your powers / Welcome thee Gnome, Elemental Earth, to my circle. So mote it be.
- WEST:** O' Spirit of the West / Ancient Guardian - One of Water / I call you now to attend this circle
Charged by your powers / Welcome thee Undine, Elemental Water, to my circle. So mote it be.
- SOUTH:** O' Spirit of the South / Ancient Guardian – One of Fire / I call you now to attend this circle
Charged by your powers / Welcome thee Salamander, Elemental Fire, to my circle. So mote
it be.
- SPIRIT:** Hail to the Elements at the Four Quarters! We ask Spirit to stand with us between the worlds
with love and power all around! May our ritual be an act of love for you. So mote it be.

CASTING: We cast this circle as sons and daughters, / Spinners and weavers, / Tool makers, potters; / As
dancers and dreamers, / Fixers, changers, / Singers and screamers. / We cast this circle with our ancestors and
guardians, / God and Goddess too, / You who teach and who speak true, / Who plant, who reap, / Who soar,
who creep, / Who cook, who drum, / Who have been and yet to come, / Unreasonable women, / Unmanageable
men. / We cast as pagan, druid and witches, / Loving hearts or furious bitches. / We are sweet water, we are the
seed; / We are the storm wind to blow away greed. / Into this circle we bring to birth the love that reclaims our
earth.

INVOCATION:

Goddess: (*women*) I am the Blessed Mother, the bountiful Lady of the Harvest, I am clothed in the
cool depths of the waters and draped in the gold of fields laden with grain. By me are all seasons of the earth
ruled that all things come to fruition through me, for lo, I am the Life-Giving Mother, fertile and joyous in my
abundance. I am the Eternal Maiden, Mother of all, and Crone of Transformation. I stir the cauldron of
Wisdom, Abundance, and Renewal, and I pour forth my Limitless Love upon all my peoples of the Earth.

God: (*men*) I am the Cycle of the Wheel of the Year. I am the Bright Child, I am the Oak Crowned
King of Winter Solstice; I am the Greenman of Spring, the Holly Crowned King at the marriage feast of
Summer Solstice; I am the Stag-Antlered Hunter, I am the Goat-Horned Lord of Shadows, offering rest and
renewal to spirits in passage; I am the Youth who dances with the Maiden, the Father who embraces the
Mother, and I am the Son of the Mother. Honor me through the seasons of the year, for I am the Spirit of
Nature, free and untamed, and by my hand are ye lead through the Great Mystery unto thy rebirth.

CROWNING:

All: The Light, long smothered by Winter's chill, is now set free. The seed of life, buried in the loam long ago springs forth anew. We, the children of the Goddess, on the verge of summer, remember warm days and seasons.

Men: We call on our Mother to return, to reclaim her domain and her throne of power. (*crowns*) Hail the Queen of the May!

(*Women step forward, take queen's hands and dance around fire at least once while men say,*) Women, strong to conceive and to create, to give birth and to tend: you are the daughters of the Goddess, blessed by the God. Thus do we mark this holy day. (*Women step back into the circle.*)

Women: We call on our Father to return to let his flames melt our Goddess' heart once more. (*crowns*) Hail the King of the May!

(*Men step forward, take king's hands and dance around fire at least once while women say,*) Men, whose passion is beauty, whose warmth is life: You are sons of the Goddess, blessed by the God. Thus do we mark this holy day. (*Men step back into the circle.*)

Queen: (*light sun candle*) I light this candle to the Sun.

(*pick up dish of earth and lay hand over*) I bless, consecrate and set apart this earth in the name of the Triple Goddess. May this be sacred earth, set apart for magic; for earth is of the Goddess, being her sacred body.

King: (*take wooden wand and pass quickly through flame of sun candle*) I bless this in the name of the Lord of the Day, the youthful ardent one, the Lord of Life, God of the Greenwood.
(*place wand on dish of earth*)

Queen & King: (*join hands*) As the wand is to the earth, so the male is to the female and the Sun to our blossoming world. Joined, they bring happiness.

MAYPOLE! (*first we chant*)

Oh, do not tell the Priest of our Art, / or he would call it sin. / But we shall be out in the woods all night / a'conjuring summer in! / And we bring you news by word of mouth / for women, cattle and corn / now is the Sun come up from the South / with Oak and Ash and Thorn! (*Repeat a few times, then the Queen and King will lead us in the dance!*)

COMMUNION: (*the Queen and King will toast each other, then pass the chalices and oatcakes!*)

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SPIRIT: Hail to the Elements at the Four Quarters! Spirit has stood with us between the worlds
with love and power all around! We called you in love, you came in love, you depart in love.
Blessed be.

THANKING GOD AND GODDESS:

EAST: Sacred is the mating of our Lady and Lord.

NORTH: From their union the young God is formed.

WEST: And everything grows and prospers.

SOUTH: Let this abundance touch our lives; affect our goals.

SPIRIT: We give thanks to the Lady and Lord for blessing our work.

ALL: The circle is open, but unbroken. May the peace of the God and Goddess be ever in our hearts.
Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again! Blessed Be!

DINNER

POST-MEAL FIRE JUMPING AND DRUMMING!

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