

IMBOLC/CANDLEMAS '07 - Treibh na Tintean

Making Butter – Denise
Mike

Meditation and Smudging –

19 Candles for Brigid – *A dedication, invocation & celebration:*

- 1 - Your first candle lit is your sunrise birth, the flame of your house reaching Ceugant's brow.
- 2 - Second is the spark of your union with Bress, son of Elathan.
- 3 - Third is the pillar of fire as you took the veil, rising high and clear.
- 4 - Fourth is eternal life's spring that sings your name in crystal gaze.
- 5 - Fifth are brothers: Dagda the father, Broadb the Red, Medar, Ogma and Aenghus.
- 6 - Sixth is the flame on your altar that never dies.
- 7 - Seventh is the grove at Llandwynwn, on Mora's shore, where lovers tryst.
- 8 - Eight is the strength of your oxen of Dil—Fea and Fernea, the red and the black.
- 9 - Ninth is the sigh of your breath as new life grows from old, your bridge of Truth.
- 10 - Tenth is a milk white cow, of red ears, the Earth Mother's nectar, sweet.
- 11 - Eleventh is a girdle that spans night and day, yet heals all and remains.
- 12 - Twelfth is a veil of truth in flowering thorn, your weary path.
- 13 - Thirteenth is your son Ruardan to be reborn.
- 14 - Fourteenth is the white light of the flowering word, born at sunrise.
- 15 - Fifteenth is the grove at Kildare, with solid oak and crystal spring.
- 16 - Sixteenth are the shrines throughout Aibion, in Church, Well and Wall.
- 17 - Seventeenth is your will, of black iron, forged in the determination of 1000 eyes.
- 18 - Eighteenth is a healing—the white dog at the portal, the chalice of your smile.
- 19 - Nineteenth is a clarach which spells—hours, days and signs, all in a silver bough.
- Your last is your first, the beginning of the turning sea, the ending of the three. The dancing sun in the hearts of all! The candle that never dies!

Re-installing Directions – As the Wheel turns, so must we. We continue our dance around the Elemental Points of the Compass.

Mike to Denise: Denise, are you willing to be North, Earth, with its strength, stability, healing and abundance?

Denise: I am.

All: Give thanks to the Earth, our Mother, for Her gifts.

Denise to Sandy: Sandy, are you willing to be West, Water, with its cleansing, persistence, peace and creativity?

Sandy: I am.

All: Give thanks to our Mother, in whose Womb we all were formed.

Sandy to Richard: Richard, are you willing to be South, Fire, with its passion, enthusiasm, comfort and transformation?

Richard: I am.

All: Give thanks to the God for His gift of life force.

Richard to Mike: Mike, are you willing to be East, Air, with its freshness, inspiration, clarity and vitality?

Mike: I am.

All: Give thanks to the Sky Father for all our experiences.

Denise (N): We do so promise to live in peace...

Sandy (W): to respect nature...

Richard (S): to know ourselves...

Mike (E): and to love one another.

All: So mote it be!

Directions -

EAST: Powers of Air, Guardians of the Watchtower of the East—winds that fan the fires of the forge, winds that cool the brow of the Smith, winds of ancient knowledge of smithcraft, of metals and of stones—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

NORTH: Powers of Earth, Guardians of the Watchtower of the North—minerals of the earth, steel and stone, wood and bronze, gold and charcoal, hammer and anvil, sword and shield, helm and torc, enduring matter that was before and will endure after all else has past—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

WEST: Powers of Water, Guardians of the Watchtower of the West—liquid that quenches the hot metal to temper it, cool draught which quenches thirst after the heat of the forge, cleanliness of the ritual bath—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

SOUTH: Powers of Fire, Guardians of the Watchtower of the South—flame of forge that heats the iron, flame which melts apart and welds together, flame that transforms the metal that it may be worked, flame which hardens so that all else will yield before its sharpness and strength—come to this circle tonight. 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.

Covenant – As we gather here, in our sacred space, a circle is formed and we are connected in spirit.

Invocation –

East: We invoke the Sacred Three: Maiden, Mother, Crone...

North: To save, to shield...

West: To surround...

South: The hearth, the house...

East: All the household...

North: This eve, this night...

West: And every night...

South: Each single night.

Sweeping the Circle – (*Move to the edges of our circle, spread out evenly; pass the besom and sweep the part of the circle you are standing in, then pass it on.*)

East: Brigit of the mantles, Brigit of the twining hair, Brigit of the peat heap, Brigit of the augury

North: We ask of Thee the sacred three: to save, to shield, to surround the hearth.

West: Brigit of the white palms, Brigit of the kindness, Brigit of the calmness, Brigit of the kine

South: We ask the three this eve, while in Your sight, bless our hearth each single night.

Rededication to Lady & Lord –

All: Lord & Lady, we call out to you! We hold you in honor & know that we are one with all things of earth & sky. Our kin are the trees, the herbs, the animals & stones. The waters & desert are built of you, & we are you, & you are of us.

We call upon you to grant our desires. Let us rejoice in our oneness with all, let us love the life that emanates from our Lady & Lord into all things. We know & accept the creed: that if we do not have that spark of love within us, we will never find it outside ourselves, for love is the law & love is the bond! And this we honor when we give honor to the Lady & the Lord.

My Lord & Lady, we stand before you to rededicate ourselves to your honor. We accept & abide by the principal of harming none, for what is sent returns. We will not turn away from Your love nor will we harm those in kinship with Your love. So mote it be!

Blessing the Candles –

East: We bless thee, creatures of wax and light, casting out all negativity.

North: Serve your purpose, flaming bright, infused with magic and healing.

West: Instruments of light and strength, wick and wax though you be,

South: I give you life of needed length to aid in creativity.

All: In the name of the Goddess and the God, so mote it be!

Communion

Thanking God and Goddess –

All: We thank you for golden mornings; we thank you for sparkling seas; we thank you for prairies, valleys, mountains and stately forest trees. We thank you for flashing sunshine and life-bestowing rain; for birds among the branches and springtime come again!

Thanking the Directions –

EAST: Powers of Air, Guardians of the Watchtower of the East, we thank you for blessing us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

NORTH: Powers of Earth, Guardians of the Watchtower of the North, we thank you for blessing us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

WEST: Powers of Water, Guardians of the Watchtower of the West, we thank you for blessing us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

SOUTH: Powers of Fire, Guardians of the Watchtower of the South, we thank you for blessings us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

Closing Prayer –

North: May the holy maiden Bride protect you from all dangers.

South: No fire, no sun, no moon will burn you,

West: No lake, no water, no sea shall drown you,

East: No arrow or fairy nor dart of fay shall wound you,

West: May Brigit's waters heal you.

East: May Brigit's winds inspire you.

South: May Brigit's fire warm you.

North: Under her protection, go in peace.

All: The circle is open, but unbroken. May the peace of Brigit be ever with you. Merry meet, and merry part, and merry meet again!

Burning the Greens - as we add them to the fire, say- “The fire of Brigit is the flame on my hearth; the fire of Brigit is the flame in my heart.”