

Brigid's Day 2016 with Treibh na Tíntean

GATHERING and MAKING BUTTER and LEARN CHANT

CLEANSING at BRIGID'S WELL

SABBAT NOTES

CASTING [*Melissa, All*] – Out of the cold, dark winter space—we come together in Brigid's grace. We dip our hands deep in Brigid's well—where our rivers run to, who can tell, who can tell. – LB

CALLING THE QUARTERS

- adapted from Luka Bloom

COVENANT [*All*] As we gather here, in our sacred place, a circle is formed and we are connected in spirit. So mote it be.

INVOCATION [*All*] – We call on Brigid-- the Great Lady, Exalted One, King-Maker, Bright Arrow-- we call on You of the eternal flame, of the sacred springs, Brigid who is the mistress of poets, healers and smiths¹—we invite You to our circle; enter and give us Your blessings.

SANDY: For more than nine hundred years the flame of Brigit burned in her shrine at Kildare, tended first by the priestesses of the goddess, and then by the Catholic sisters of the saint. In the year 1220 C.E., the bishop ordered it extinguished.

SCOTT: Soon it was relit.

DENISE: It burned until the Reformation, during the reign of King Henry the Eighth, and was extinguished again, and the abbey was destroyed.

RICHARD: In 1996 the flame was lit again in Kildare. However, the darkness of ignorance and fear may well put it out again one day.

JENNA: But the true flame was not in Ireland; the true flame is the Goddess, and her fire is never lost.

- adapted from Amber K and Azrael

By Her breath and by Her flame—the light returns, the light returns! By Her well and by Her womb—the light returns, the light returns! The Wheel turns, the light returns. [*They return to circle.*]

TRANCE INTO CHANT: [*We learn about Brigid's flame at Kildare and Brigid's spring at Circle. We will be charging the water and the candles with the chant.*] “Holy Well and Sacred Flame.”

COMMUNION

THANKING

- adapted from Luka Bloom

BRIGID: [*All*] Brigid of the eternal flame, Brigid of the sacred springs—we thank You for being in our circle; thank You for Your blessings. So mote it be!

[*All*] Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!

[*Tell folks to come and light the candles they brought to be blessed and light them from Brigid's flame on the altar.*]

DRINKS AND SNACKS to follow!

¹ <http://uubillerica.org/fpc/sermons-mp3/2013-01-thru-2013-06-30/2013-02-03-IMBOLC-Ritual.pdf>