

# Lammas '13 with Treibh na Tintean

Altar— put your symbols of harvest on the altar as you enter the circle.

## Smudging and Introductions

Meditation/Opening on the Season (Scott) — Southern Fire brings us cleansing heat as in the womb of Earth, so will it bring forth its fruits. Air, Fire and Water are elements of the storm which bring us rain. It is the time of summer and the promise of the harvest. Bright Sun bakes the Earth with heat and dries the flowers of spring; but it is not death that we see, but life reformed, for each flower bears its seeds, growing deep within itself. Life will continue and there will be another spring. Come, then, Lammas, first harvest of summer, bring to us the promise of autumn, of that which will feed us and keep us from the cold. We can dance and play while the Earth permits. For as we see the high days of Summer, so do we remember the cold that is to come; for the Earth remembers and prepares, so that summer will bring yet another spring.

## Directions

Circle Casting (All) -- We cast this circle as sons and daughters, / Spinners and weavers, Toolmakers, 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 (All) – As we gather here in our sacred space, a circle is formed and we are connected in spirit. So mote it be.

Invoking the God (Men) – Harvest Sabbat, first of three, first of fruit, and first of grain—we the reapers transform the God's domain. We hail the Lammas loaf and fruit! The Green God's death for life salute! He falls to the blade and is remade; no need for grief, He's reborn from the sheaf! We invoke the Go,, by His life, our lives are fed.

Invoking the Goddess (Women) – Harvest Sabbat, first of three, fruit and grain. We will live by Your flesh, Mother. Your water becomes our blood. It is the time of no hunger, no thirst. Let us hear Your heartbeat, Mother; our water is Your blood. We invoke Your harvest as grain. You are our ripe fruit.

Logistics (Sandy) — We share our sacred harvest with each other. Each person has brought a physical representation of her/his harvest for this growing season. We will chant to raise the energy. But, first,

look directly across the circle from yourself and find your harvest partner. That is the person to whom you will be telling your harvest story. You will pick up your harvest symbol and tell your story to your partner; you can even exchange symbols IF you choose to do so. Remember—chant, find your partner, share your story!

Chant (All) — “Solar Lord and Lady Earth / Sacred Harvest, Given Birth.”

### Sharing the Harvest

Communion (Sandy) — Grain to kernel, wheat to flour; life from death at harvest’s hour; red the fruit and gold the meal; rebirth begins in commonweal. Hail the wine! And hail the cake! Hail the life we cannot take!

EAST: Remember that at Ostara we asked the Lord and Lady for a blessing for our seeds.

SOUTH: We remember the words we spoke to Her.

WEST: The Lady breathed life into the seeds.

NORTH: We recall what was done in the Mother’s name and the thoughts behind it.

SPIRIT: May we take away with us some small part of the wisdom of the Mother, let it grow within us and may we return to share it with our circle.

### Thanking Directions

Thanking the God (All) – Harvest God, we thank You for Your last show of strength in this turning of the Wheel. Your sacrifice feeds us and guides us in love. May we learn from Your example and love our community well. Stay in our hearts through this harvest season. Blessed Be!

Thanking the Goddess (All) – Mother, it is YourSelf that feeds us and makes our hearts beat. Thank You for the sustenance, thank You for the love. May Your love sustain us during the turning of the Wheel throughout the harvest . Blessed Be!

Opening the Circle (All) – They ripen fruit; They ripen seed; the God and Goddess fill our need. This circle is open, but unbroken. May we harvest the corn, our hopes reborn. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!

Sandy's Direction for **North**:

Calling -- Into this sacred grove—I call the oak, the pine, the maple. I call the ivy winding toward the sun. I call the stones and bones, soil and bud. Earth, my strength, my abundance, I call you. So mote it be.

Thanking -- Earth--our strength, abundance, oak and pine, rocks and dirt—home: we thank you. Blessed be!

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EAST: Calling -- Into this sacred grove, I call the wind. I call the turning starlit sky. I call the birdsong, the drifting leaves; I call the stillness of a spring evening. Air, my humor, my song, I call you. So mote it be.

Thanking – Air—drifting song, motion and stillness, turning and blowing wind: we thank you. Blessed be!

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SOUTH: Calling – Into this grove, I call the sun. I call the leaping bonfire. I call the warmth of the summer afternoon. I call the flash of distant lightning. Fire, my power, my passion, I call you. So mote it be.

Thanking – Fire—power and passion, sun and fire, warmth of summer: we thank you. Blessed be.

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SPIRIT: Calling – This is the place of transformation; our spirits grow within and without. Mother, Father, Daughter, Son—join us here tonight in our celebration of first harvest.

Thanking – Spirit, life is never to be taken lightly. Help us take the harvest of our year and transform it with our own work and energy to carry us through the coming winter. We thank you for your gifts. Blessed be.