

*Midsummer Solstice/ Litha/ Alban Hefin '05*  
**at Treibh na Tintean (TRY-v na tin-TAWN)**

Intro - background on this holyday!

Cleansing - At the time of Midsummer joy, we re-affirm our love for Lady and Lord!

Calling the Directions

Casting the Circle - Closed may this circle be under the protection of the Goddess and of the

Ones, for all who are within  
broken. O Great Goddess  
ask that You bless us with

Horned God. Protect and guide us, O Great  
shall be between worlds until such time as it be  
and Horned God, we invite you to be with us and  
Your presence at this rite.

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

Invocation -

the God - Father, Sun, and Brother / Who wears a cloak of bright blue sky /  
Whose breath stirs the forest / Whose love draws the harvest from the soil / I hear  
Your call in the wolf's song. / Teach me the holiness of joy, the sanctity of  
living. / I join You on the hillside / To dance in Your light / To reach for Your  
hand.

the Goddess - Juno, Hera, Queen, / Let all that is needed to be done, be  
done well. Let us sing of Your glory under the moon. / We are the arm  
that does Your work. / We are the mind of Your thoughts. / We are the  
conductor of Your power. / Juno, Hera, Queen, / we are the heart of Your love.

Reader 1 - We celebrate Life on this Midsummer day! Sadness is set aside and joy flows within as the High Summer begins.

Reader 2 - The Light of the Sun, the God of Life, shines around us and in us for all the world to see.

Reader 3 - The Lord and Lady of the Greenwood have made Their pact. The Oak King turns his face to that of the Holly King (gentlemen, switch crowns!) so He may wed the Queen and pass into Her care.

Reader 4 - The Life that enters the Lady's care is sanctified and purified in Her love. So mote it be!

Spiral Dance - we'll do a simple grapevine step for the spiral.

Invoking the Horned Lord - antlers	From the veiled mists of this Grove, we call thee. Your
	ride the sky, Horned One,
and carry with them the legacy of	Kingship. Come to our side, Lord of the
Forests, bring Your strength	and stability that are the mountains
rising high. Bring Your joy and	ecstasy, that we might know Your
nature. Come to this dance and	be with us tonight.

As we dance, all chant: Earth, my body / Water, my blood / Air, my breath / And fire, my spirit!

Devoking - Horned One, Lover of the Goddess! You have consented to join us tonight and we thank You for that favor. Stay with us in our hearts, let us always feel the pull of Your wild forests even though we be in the midst of the city. Go if You must, stay if You will. Blessed be!

Herbal Petition - Send our worries and woes off to the darkness. There are several herbs associated with Midsummer. Go and gather the herbs and make a pouch to be thrown into the fire. Pour all your troubles into the pouch as you are making it. Once the herbs are in the pouch, tie it with a red ribbon. As you drop the pouch into the fire, say aloud:

I banish you by the powers of the Goddess and the God!

I banish you by the powers of the Sun, Moon and Stars!

I banish you by the powers of Earth, Air, Fire and Water!

Once everyone has cast their petitions into the fire, all say together:

O gracious Goddess, O gracious God, / On this night of Midsummer magic / We pray that You charge our lives with wonder and joy. / Help us in attuning with the energies adrift on the enchanted night air. / We give thanks.

Reflect on the purification that you have undergone. Feel the powers of Nature flowing through you, washing you clean with divine energy. (Feel free to make another pouch to take home for later use!)

Feast! then, Jump the bale 'candle'!

Thanking the God - Lord of all the wildlands / warrior and poet, the rising grain  
and the shining blade, as I have partaken of Your strength and  
surety / so may I carry them with me and share Your blessings with all the world.  
/ Father of the Daybreak, Divine Friend, I am, as always, in Your service. /  
Blessed be.

Thanking the Goddess - Thank you for being here in the soft buzzing grass, / listening  
among the flowering gardens, / shining from the most royal blue sky. /  
Thank you for granting our wishes: healthy lives rich with purpose, / true partners  
to share joys and tears, / wisdom to hear Your voice, / wealth to give to others as  
You have given to us. / Blessed be.

Thanking the Directions

Opening of Circle - The circle is open, yet remains; around us flows its magical power.  
Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!