

# Midsummer Solstice/Litha/Alban Hefin '06

## at Treibh na Tintean (TRY-v na tin-TAWN)

Cleansing - At the time of Midsummer joy, we re-affirm our love for Lady and Lord! Toss a bit of St. John's Wort into the cauldron and smudge yourself saying, "May I be cleansed by my love for Lord and Lady."

### Calling the Directions

Casting the Circle - Closed may this circle be under the protection of the Goddess and of the Horned God. Protect and guide us, O Great Ones, for all who are within shall be between worlds until such time as it be open. O Great Goddess and Horned God, we invite you to be with us and ask that You bless us with 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 - Goddess Earth, warmed by the Sun, / basking in the summer's light, / join us as this rite's begun, / Your heart with us while the days are bright!

God of Life and of Rebirth, / Light the lover, Light the son, / here to honor Your great worth, / we invoke You, oh Bright One!

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

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

North - The Lord and Lady of the Greenwood have made Their pact. The Holly King weds the Queen and passes into Her care.

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

Herbal Petition – Send your worries and woes off to the darkness! Gather the herbs in silence and make a pouch. Pour all your troubles into the pouch as you are making it. With the herbs in the pouch, tie it with a ribbon. When everyone is ready, we will toss the pouches into the fire and say--

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!

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. So mote it be!

Chant! - to the same tune of the Goddess chant: ***Odin, Cernunnos, Merlin, Coyote, Osiris, Shiva...Horned One!***

Feast!

Thanking the God and Goddess -

Lord of Light, Lord of the Dance, / Lord of the turning Year's romance, / Welcome You have been today; / now, go if You must, and stay if You will!

Mother Goddess, charming Earth, / You through whom we know rebirth, / Welcome You Have been today; / now, go if You must, and stay if You will!

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!