

MABON - or - HARVEST HOME '03

Reader: Mabon, the patron of innocence and justice, is also the god of the first dark holiday. Now is the time when the god prepares to leave the goddess and enter the Underworld. He will be reborn at Yule for he is the sun. "Now the darkness is descending. Light our way, oh love unending. From his dance, let life be reborn, for his death is a beginning. For his dance is just beginning."

(judith laura)

Cleansing: we will smudging with a sage stick--"Prepare for winter's stillness, for revelation and rebirth spring from the Great Silence." "Blessed be!"

Reader: Let's join together to give thanks on this Harvest Home celebration by calling the directions.

WEST - Raging river running wild, / Grotto's pool of deepest green, / Ocean crashing on the shore,

It's hidden depths yet to be seen, / Powers of water rise up with us.

All - Powers of water rise up with us.

NORTH - Mountains rising to the sky, / Fir and cedar, oak and thorn, / Ravines deep-green in

forest's night, / Dusty path old and worn, / Powers of earth rise up with us.

All - Powers of earth rise up with us.

EAST - Rising wind and cool night breeze, / Hurricane and vaporous clouds, / The tingling hint of

dawn's first light, / Mist boiling in a milky shroud, / Powers of air rise up with

us.

All - Powers of air rise up with us.

SOUTH - Balefire crackling on the hill, / Will o' Wisps on a summer night, / The flickering light of

candle's flame, / the glimmering of sunlight, / Power of flame rise up with us.

All - Power of flame rise up with us.

(from Yasmine Galenorn)

Reader: In the spirit of Harvest Home, we will draw the circle with a [zucchini or cucumber] and sickle as we say our covenant. Repeat after me: As we gather here, in our sacred space, a circle is formed, and we are connected in spirit.

Reader: Let us make a consecration of the harvest and mark the fullness of the season. Life fulfills its cycle and leads to life anew.

WATER - First, let us thank WATER for the gentle flow that helps maintain calm and

emotional

balance in relationships.

EARTH -
work and

Thank EARTH for the steadfastness and help in maintaining the home, health,
comfort.

AIR -

Thank AIR for the inspiration that helps with learning and understanding.

FIRE -
needed to

And let us thank FIRE for the energy that helps with the drive and ambition
accomplish goals.

(Ann Moura)

Reader: Everyone is invited to tell what has been harvested this year and to throw an offering on the fire. (wheat, corn, lavender, or whatever anyone brings!)

Reader: Oh great and timeless God and Goddess, we give thanks for this season of the Harvest. We can give nothing that is not already yours, yet accept, with our love, our offerings.

Jump the Hoop: We should take a moment to appreciate our crones as this is the time of year when wise women are named as crones. Last year, Charlotte was croned, we celebrated her transition into her "wise blood" years; this year, Charlotte will lead us as we celebrate transitions for some of our young members.

Communion: At this time of joy and thanks, let us drink to each other and to the god and goddess. "Harvest Home, my friends, Oh work until we're done; Soon comes rest to all who labor 'neath the sun. Fill right up the Vintage cup, and toast the new-made wine; Harvest Home, my friends, for 'tis the Harvest Time!"

(Chris Carol)

Pass the cup with these words: Thanks for Harvest Home.

Dismissing the Directions:

WEST -
powers of

Azure lake, single tear, raindrop, scrying mirror: Powers of water, our thanks;
water, farewell.

All - Hail and farewell.

NORTH -
powers of

Cavern dark, crystals bright, meadows and trees: Powers of earth, our thanks;
earth, farewell.

All - Hail and farewell.

EAST -
our

Autumn's gale, spring's zephyr, winter's blast, summer's whisper: Powers of air,
thanks; powers of air, farewell.

All - Hail and farewell.

SOUTH - Cook fire, sunlight's gleam, lava flow, faerie's flame: Powers of fire, our thanks;
powers

of fire, farewell.

All - Hail and farewell.

(from Yasmine Galenorn)

Reader: The Circle is open, but unbroken. May the peace of the Goddess and the God be ever
in your heart.

All: Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!

Reader: Our circle is unbroken, stick around and share hope and worries in the magickal love of
those gathered here.