

MABON - or - HARVEST HOME '04

Reader: 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."

Cleansing: (background: Vivaldi's "Autumn") Toss your pinch of herbs into the cauldron and smudge yourself!

Gifts: (Now we take down the gifts we hung from the trees at Beltane.)

Calling the Directions/Elements: Let's give thanks on this Harvest Home 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. / We thank WATER / for the gentle flow / that helps maintain calm / and emotional balance / in relationships.

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. / We thank EARTH / for the steadfastness / and help / in maintaining the home / health / work and comfort.

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. / We thank AIR / for the inspiration / that helps with learning and understanding.

SOUTH - Balefire crackling on the hill, / ritual fire on an autumn 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. / Let us thank FIRE / for the energy / that helps with the drive / and ambition / needed to accomplish goals.

Reader: In the spirit of Harvest Home, we will draw the circle with a cornucopia and sickle.

Great Mother and Father / We stand here in our home / our temple / our sacred grove,
Surrounded by your children.
We, your children / invite you to this place.
Though you never leave us / our door is always open to you.
Live in our hearts / and we in yours.
We dedicate this grove in your honor / as a sanctuary of your mysteries / as a dwelling
place for perfect
love and trust / As we will it / by your grace / and with harm to none / Blessed Be.

Covenant: Join hands as we say our covenant: All: As we gather here, in our sacred space, a
circle is formed, and we are connected in spirit.

Light the white candle.

Invocation:

O Lady of the autumn woodlands / Earth Mother / Crone / keeper of the seeds / womb of
being,
Lord of the Otherworld / Guardian of the Gates / friend and healer,
Bring harmony and fruitfulness into our circle.
We give thanks for our harvest / for food and shelter / strength / warmth and friendship.

Light the black candle from the white candle.

All: We welcome the dark.

Extinguish the white candle.

Jump the Hoop: Charlotte will lead us as we celebrate transitions for our young members.

Realization: Link hands and dance, or whirl clockwise. Shout out one key goal that has been
realized.

"Shedding": Then, dance or whirl counterclockwise. Shout out the one thing you would like to
get rid of!

Affirmation: dance or whirl clockwise again. Shout out the one issue you want to work on this
winter!

Communion (All): 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 / 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!"

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

Dismissing the Directions/Elements: Read together:

WEST - Azure lake / single tear / raindrop/ scrying mirror.
Powers of water/ our thanks / powers of water / hail and farewell.

NORTH - Cavern dark / crystals bright / meadows and trees.
Powers of earth/ our thanks / powers of earth / hail and farewell.

EAST - Autumn's gale/ spring's zephyr / winter's blast / summer's whisper.
Powers of air / our thanks / powers of air / hail and farewell.

SOUTH - Cook fire / sunlight's gleam / lava flow / faerie's flame.
Powers of fire / our thanks / powers of fire / hail and farewell.

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

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