

MABON - or - HARVEST HOME '05

We praise the Earth who feeds us / And raise the Harvest Home. / The stag with light steps leads us / To dance the season come. / Ash links the worlds entwining / Our realms with Gods and Elves. / The bonfire blesses, shining / Our food, our drink, ourselves. ~Leigh Ann Hussey

Reader: Tonight we remember the Second Harvest of fruits, nuts and vines. We also remember our neighbors who struggle without. We accept the gifts of the Lady and Lord, we remember that what was sown is now reaped. This is a time of offerings, payment of dues, and enjoyment of rewards. We also need to share what we have with those who have need. The Wheel of the Year is ever turning from life to death to life again. The God guides us in the dance of balance and harmony. He travels the path of Nature so that we Know and not Fear the cycles of our being, for balance and harmony are His truths. 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: Toss your pinch of herbs into the cauldron and smudge yourself! Say, "I welcome the dark!"

Directions/Elements: Let's give thanks on this Harvest Home by recognizing the directions.

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

In the presence of the Mother and Father of all things
By the sanctity of Earth, Water, Fire and Air
By our honor as Wiccan and Pagan
We vow this night to serve the God and Goddess
To be agents of Their love and kindness
To learn and grow in spirit

By Their grace, and with harm to none,
So mote it 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.

Invokation: The Lord of Shadows rules in His Shadowland, yet His love holds true, and with Him our own dance will one day move the Other Way. As this harvest season moves onward to the last harvest, we call upon the Lady and the Lord to bless this beautiful season and bless our lives within it, that our lives be the harvest of the Goddess and the God.

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

Meditation/Communal Art: (Mike will guide us.)

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."

Devokation: (Scott)

Thanking the Directions/Elements

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!