

MABON '06 at Treibh na Tintean

(On the altar are two chalices, a bowl for apples, wreaths for three!)

Meditation (Mike) followed by **Cleansing** (Kathy)

(Each person carries an apple and places in bowl upon entering circle. Chant "We All Come From The Goddess." See below.)

Chant: We all come from the Goddess, / and to Her we shall return. / Like a drop of rain, / flowing to the ocean.
We all come from the God, / and to Him we shall return. / Like a spark of flame, / soaring to the heavens.

P & Ps (Mike and Sandy): Welcome friends!

- The Wheel of the Year turns on and on, bringing us to and from each season, and from and to another.
- What will be, is. What was, will be.
- All time is here and now inside this sacred space.
- We pause briefly to watch the Wheel turn; and gather to celebrate the season of Mabon—the second harvest.
- In this moment between time, we come to praise the bountiful aging Goddess and Her consort, our God of the Wine Harvest.
- We wish to give thanks, and to feel ourselves a part of the relentless wheel of life, death and rebirth.
- Let all who would honor the Goddess and Her consort enter into Her protective circle.

Directions: *(begin in the West.)*

Casting (Kathy): 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: As we gather here, in our sacred space, a circle is formed, and we are connected in spirit.

Invokation (Richard): 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.

P & Ps: Tonight all things are in balance. Night and day are equal. Goddess and God are equal. Life and death are equal. But tonight darkness conquers the light, taking us into the dark of the year, a time to reflect on those passed over, and on those who are yet to come.

(Mike picks up bowl, Sandy holds up one apple.)

Before you, you see a symbol. This small red fruit is a symbol of the harvest season, of the Crone Goddess, and of the life force which animates deity. You see a fruit which gives life, but you also see a fruit whose seeds give death. As it was and ever shall be, two halves of a whole, beginnings and endings—all are one.

(Each person approaches the altar and gets apple from Sandy; Mike asks,)

Whom do you mourn?

(After answer, Sandy instructs them to go back to place and face outward.)

- Tonight we mourn the loss of life and the loss of light.
- But just as the apple you hold in your hands gives both life and death, so do our beloved deities.
- Those who are passed shall return as surely as shall the light.
- Pour your troubles, mourning and sorrow into this ancient symbol.
- Spend a moment doing this.
- Then, when you are ready, *hurl* the apple into the woods.

Just as we have sorrow, we also have joy, for this is the time of the wine harvest! Whoo-hoo!

- God of Wine!
- Harvest King and Queen! *(Kevin and Barb)*

Will you please step forward? *(P & Ps crown Wine God)*

(Wine God—Scott—dances to pick up the chalice in his left hand and the athame in his right. He gives the chalice to the Queen who stands on his left, and the athame to the King who stands on his right.)

God of Wine: I crown you the King and Queen of the Harvest. (*Puts green crown on K; other on Q.*) Deity now resides in you. Will you bless the harvest wine?

(K puts athame into chalice of wine.)

Queen: I bless this wine of the harvest in the name of the Crone Goddess.

King: I bless this wine of the harvest in the name of the Harvest God.

God of Wine: Follow me in merry measure to celebrate the fruit of the vine!

(Scott leads the two in a dance around the circle as long as he likes, then re-ensconces them in the circle. Then he presents the chalice to the Ps with a bow.)

Milady, will you offer a toast to the season? *(Ps makes a toast, gives some to the deities. Then Scott goes around circle clockwise offering all "miladies" and "milords" a chance to offer a toast. He fills the chalice to go around counterclockwise posing silly questions to each person [who should give silly answers].)*

(P and Ps ask everyone to join hands.)

God of Wine: Does this company still mourn the loss of their light?

All: NO!

Queen: Tonight we move into darkness, we allow it to envelop us in its loving arms. We welcome it joyously.

King: Tonight we move into darkness, knowing it is but another part of the light. We welcome it joyously.

All: Blessed be the darkness, bringer of introspection, bringer of cold, bringer of death and resurrection.

Queen & King: Blessed be the season of darkness. Blessed be the time of night.

All: Blessed be this Mabon.

Ps: Who is Goddess?

All Women: I am Goddess.

P: Who is God?

All Men: I am God.

P & Ps: Who are Goddess and God?

All: All living things are Goddess and God.

P & Ps: And who are we?

All: We are the children of deity. And we are deity. We are a part of the creative life forces which move the universe. We are microcosm and macrocosm. We are a part of all that is.

(Do the chant below three times through.)

Chant:

Our hands will work for peace and justice. / Our hands will work to heal the land.
Gather round the harvest table. / Let us feast and bless the land.

Our hands will work for peace and justice. / Our hands will work to heal the land.
When we thirst and when we hunger, / we can feed each outstretched hand.

Thanking God & Goddess: 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 show gratitude for our loving God and Goddess, our own gifts and for each other. Thank you. Blessed be!

Thanking Directions

P & Ps: Though we are apart, we are ever together for we are one in the spirit of our Goddess and our God. Merry meet...

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