

Mabon '15 with Treibh na Tíntean

PRAYER BEFORE EATING:

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

DINNER and CLEAN UP [*Gather apples into one big bowl.*]

MEDITATION [*Scott*]

CLEANSING before RITUAL: Wash away your fear of the dark. [*Maiden, Mother, & Crone?*]

CALLING: [*Each direction is encouraged to find a Treibh mate to call the direction with you.*]

East -- Celebrate here now together the spirit of Air, in the wind's low clear whistle, the rush of the gales through our hair, the wind's autumn dances that lighten the mind.

OF WHAT WOULD YOU BE FREED?

Think it, and let the cool breeze come to lift it away. And the winds of change will blow harvest gifts our way.

All – Though many, though different, we stand proud together and call out: Welcome to the East!

South – Celebrate here now together the spirit of Fire, in the crackling of logs and the leaf-smoke, so radiant and warm, the autumn bonfire that inflames the spirit.

IN WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE HEART?

Will it, and let the bright flames burn to brand it within. And the fires of fall will empower our harvest desires.

All – Though many, though different, we stand proud together and call out: Welcome to the South!

West – Celebrate here now together the spirit of Water, in the patter of raindrops, the damp crunch of the frost on the leaves, the September rains that soothe the heart.

FROM WHAT WOULD YOU BE HEALED?

Feel it, and let cool water flow to wash it away. And the waters of autumn will quench us like harvest's rich juice.

All – Though many, though different, we stand proud together and call out: Welcome to the West!

North – Celebrate here now together the spirit of Earth, in the scent of ripe wheat, the thudding of feet on firm ground, the harvest time fruits that nourish the body.

IN WHAT WOULD YOU PLANT HOPE?

Believe it, and let fertile earth nurture dreams to take root...that all the rich fields of plenty might yield enough harvest for all.

All -- Though many, though different, we stand proud together and call out: Welcome to the North!

Spirit – Celebrate here now together the spirit of Center—the home of the Divine, the many faces and many names honored in so many ways. We search for the Divine in ourselves and in others. At Mabon, at the Equinox—the balance point of the year—we ask:

WHO WILL HELP US FIND BALANCE?

Call clear and proud the Name of the Goddess or God you choose to honor today:

[When the calling dies down, say:]

And to the Divine immanent in the universe, we call:

All – Welcome, Spirit!

~mostly Kristin Madden

CASTING: *[Mark and Shae cast with seeds as the rest of us read...]* Blessed are we by the fruits of the union of God and Goddess—sun and earth. Here is the mystery and the richness of energy encased in seed. Though the form changes, the energy of life is eternal. We recognize the mystery of the transformation of energy into matter, and matter into energy. We gather at this sacred moment when the sun has gone into the seed. Thus do we create this sacred circle, in the liminal space between the dark and the light, between the Goddess and God, between the dying and the new life. So mote it be!

~mostly Phyllis Currott

INVOCATION:

Pt: Today we celebrate the second harvest of fruits, nuts, vines, friends and ideas. We also remember our neighbors who struggle without. We accept the gifts of the Lady—what was sown is now reaped. It's a time of offerings and the enjoyment of rewards. The Lady calls us to share what we have with those who have need. The Wheel of the Year ever turns from life to death to life again. Hail the Goddess!

Pts: 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. Hail the God!

THE WORK: *[Sandy]* You were asked 5 questions while we invited the elements into our circle tonight. We are going to ask them again. Take an apple from the bowl. *[Katie passes?]* Each Elemental has an athame. We will ask each question and give you a moment for reflection. Then we will pass the athame around the circle. Prick a hole in your apple and whisper your answer into it. You will prick five holes for five answers unless the question does not resonate with you (you can skip it!) *[The athames can keep going from quarter to quarter. Pay attention to the pace with which the athame goes along your quarter, and then cue the next Elemental to ask the question.]*

East – OF WHAT WOULD YOU BE FREED? *[Pause, then cue S.]*

South – IN WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE HEART? *[Pause, then cue W.]*

West – FROM WHAT WOULD YOU BE HEALED? *[Pause, then cue N.]*

North – IN WHAT WOULD YOU PLANT HOPE? *[Pause, then cue Sp.]*

Spirit – WHO WILL HELP US FIND BALANCE? *[Pause.]*

[Jenna] When we all have our five answers whispered into our five knife pricks...turn and face the outside of the circle. (You know what we are going to do, don't you?) Now, hurl that apple into the woods! We call that Flying Manifestation! *[Jenna—say what you want! I'm just having fun!]*

COMMUNION: apples, juice and wine!

THANKING:

Spirit – We hover at the balance point of the year, our spirits set for harvest!

All – Thank you, Spirit! Blessed be.

North – The rich fields of plenty have yielded enough harvest for all.

All – Thank you, North! Blessed be.

West – The waters of autumn will quench us like harvest's rich juice.

All – Thank you, West! Blessed be.

South – The fires of fall will empower our harvest desires.

All – Thank you, South! Blessed be.

East -- The winds of change are blowing harvest gifts our way.

All – Thank you, East! Blessed be.

CHANTING AND DRUMMING!

“Hoof and horn, hoof and horn—all that dies will be reborn.

Corn and grain, corn and grain—all that falls will rise again.”