

Ostara '08 with Treibh na Tíntean

CLEANSING: [wet your fingertips, touch the tops of your feet saying:]

Blessed be the salt. / Blessed be the power of light. / Blessed be the light, the sun and the God. / Purify me that I might be cleansed and whole in mind, spirit and body. / May I always find grounding when I need it, / and may my feet walk the path of blessed purity all the days of this life.

[wet your fingertips again, touch the top of your head saying:]

Blessed be water. / Blessed be the power of dark. / Blessed be the night, moon and the Goddess. / Purify me now that I might be cleansed / and whole in mind, spirit and body. / May the mysteries of the universe and those things hidden find me fit to know their secrets, / and may I think and feel with blessed purity all the days of this life.

[wet fingertips, touch your solar plexus (between heart and navel) saying:]

Blessed be earth and water, night and day, sun and moon. / Blessed be balance and purity, which meet in me now. / May I always be in balance of mind, spirit and body, / purified and whole as I enter this spring season. / By the God and the Goddess and by my will, so mote it be!

- Edain McCoy

DIRECTIONS:

EAST - I invoke the powers of East and dawn to come to this place and bless it in the name of the powers of Spring. Hail to the spirits of Air, gracious Sylphs and Elflings. I invite you to consecrate this circle, and to bring gentle breezes to grace this place. Elemental Powers of Air, be welcome in this place. So mote it be.

NORTH - I invoke the powers of North and midnight to come to this place and bless it in the name of the powers of Spring. Hail to the Spirits of Earth, sacred Gnomes and Elves. I invite you to enchant this circle, and to enrich the soil and bless it with the magic of earth. Elemental Powers of Earth, be welcome in this place. So mote it be.

WEST - I invoke the powers of West and twilight to come to this place and bless it in the name of the powers of Spring. Hail to the Spirits of Water, mystical Mermaids and Undines. I invite you to consecrate this circle, and to bring the healing energies of Water to nourish the soil. Elemental Powers of Water, be welcome in this place. So mote it be.

SOUTH - I invoke the powers of South and noon to come to this place and bless it in the name of the powers of Spring. Hail to the Spirits of Fire, mighty Dragons and Salamanders. I invite you to consecrate this circle, and to bring the warmth of the Sun and the fires of Life to this place. Elemental Powers of Fire, be welcome in this place. So mote it be.

- Andrew Siliar

CAVE MEDITATION – [say upon exiting the cave:]

I have been into the darkness, and now return to light.
I relied on inner vision when I had no mortal sight.
I returned unto the Mother and I did not feel forlorn
I have braved the womb of death, and now I am reborn.

CHANT TO THE CIRCLE -

Day is balanced, night is balanced, all is balanced on this day.
The God is balanced, Goddess's balanced, all is balanced on this day.
Sun is balanced, moon is balanced, all is balanced on this day.
Light is balanced, dark is balanced, all is balanced on this day.
[repeat until all are around the circle, then...]
Let balance be our way, in all we do and say.
From balance may we not stray, balance is the Divine way.

- from Ginger Strivelli

CASTING – All: We cast this circle as sons and daughters, / Spinners and weavers,
Tool makers, potters; / As dancers and dreamers, / Fixers, changers, / Singers and
screamers. / We cast this circle with our ancestors and guardians, / God and Goddess
too, / You who teach and who speak true, / Who plant, who reap, / Who soar, who
creep, / Who cook, who drum, / Who have been and yet to come, / Unreasonable
women, / Unmanageable men. / We cast as pagan, druid and witches, / Loving hearts
or furious bitches. / We are sweet water, we are the seed; / We are the storm wind to
blow away greed. Into this circle we bring to birth / the love that reclaims our earth.

INVOKING THE GODDESS – Come, Persephone, with your paint-pots and brushes:
stipple the fields with flowers, dot the branches with bright blossoms, streak the Spring
sky with pale pastels. You are the one who paints the eyes on the pansies, and the lines
on the lilies so the bees can find their food, and the blushes on the rosebuds. Without
you, the bearded iris would have no smile and the black-eyed susan would be blind.

Come, Persephone: the world has rested too long under Winter's snowy cloak.
Come bring your brushes and bright colors and dress us in the shades of Spring again.
We invoke you, gracious maiden of freedom and beauty—join us now.

- Elizabeth Barrette

INVOKING THE GOD – Robin of the Woods, come dance with us before this night has
passed. Come play with your children, laughing and singing, barefoot in the grass. Bless
our family with a step and a song as we gather together this night. Oh, Robin of the
Woods, come dance with us under the full moon light.

- Lokius

SEED CEREMONY – [ring bell 3 times] Springtime is when we sow the seed; it is the time for us to plant what we want to grow. This is the season of hope and joy, expectation and inspiration. Our lives are brought into balance and we are reborn, resurrected, renewed as is the Earth. We welcome thee, Ostara, beautiful Spring!

[Pass out paper and pencils; write ideas. Pass out peat pots and sticks; take God and Goddess candles around to light “ideas” from flame. Each person drops burning ashes into peat pot.]

[ring bell once] Lady and Lord, let this soil be prepared and fertile to receive the seeds of our desires, to grow and prosper, ripen and bear fruit, as our ideas reach maturity and fruition.

[Each person mixes ashes into soil with stick.]

[ring bell once] By the power instilled in us will the seeds be planted in the ready soil. Blessed be the Wand of Spring and blessed be the Earth that receives it!

[Pass out seeds.]

[ring bell once] These seeds are planted in the Mother’s womb to be part of the Earth, of Life and of us! Let these seeds and what they represent grow to manifestation, as we will it. So mote it be! [ring bell 3 times]

Full Ostara Moon!

INVOCATION:

Wondrous Lady of the Moon
You who greets the sky with silvered kisses;
Mistress of the night and all magicks;
Who rides the clouds in blackened skies and spills light upon the awakening Earth;
O Lunar Goddess, Crescented One, Shadow Maker and Shadow breaker;
Revealer of mysteries past and present, Puller of seas and Ruler of women,
All-wise Lunar Mother,
We greet your celestial jewel at the waxing of its powers with a rite in Your honor.
We pray by the moon.
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CHANT: Ancient Lady, Ancient Moon, rising now above us,
We gather in your sacred grove asking that you bless us.

COMMUNION: Feast! We have survived another winter!!!

THANKING THE DIRECTIONS:

EAST - Powers of East and dawn have blessed this circle with their gentle breezes. Elemental Powers of Air, thank you. Stay if you will, go if you must. Blessed be.

NORTH - Powers of North and midnight have blessed this circle with the magic of earth. Elemental Powers of Earth, thank you. Stay if you will, go if you must. Blessed be.

WEST - Powers of West and twilight have blessed this circle with the healing energies of Water. Elemental Powers of Water, thank you. Stay if you will, go if you must. Blessed be.

SOUTH - Powers of South and noon have blessed this circle with the fires of Life. Elemental Powers of Fire, thank you. Stay if you will, go if you must. Blessed be.

THANKING GOD AND GODDESS:

Persephone, darling Maiden, the world is weary Winter. We look forward to your bright colors—all the shades of Spring. We thank you, gracious Maiden of freedom and beauty.

Robin of the Woods, you have come to us and danced under the full moon light. We welcome your presence back into our circle in this season of growth. Thank you, laughing God, playful God.

The circle is open, but unbroken. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!

(sing the “Flower Song” to the tune of “Good King Wenceslas”!)