

Ostara '09 with Treibh na Tintean

Prep! – (put your name and personal goddess/god on slip of paper)

Meditation – Mike

Cleansing

Welcoming the Directions (pass daisies around)

All -- Equal is the light and dark, / with gifts our circle we mark. / As warm sunlight greens the earth, / the Maiden and Lord dance with mirth.

EAST -- Come ye, spirits of the East, powers of Air, sail on golden wings of dawn. Blow away the staleness of winter. Be with us this day, so mote it be!

NORTH -- Come ye, spirits of the North, powers of Earth, hold me rooted by tree and flower. Bring the beauty of your lush green meadows. Be with us this day, so mote it be.

WEST -- Come ye, spirits of the West, powers of Water, let my soul flow with the beauty of your tides. Bless the land with dew-filled mornings. Be with us this day, so mote it be!

SOUTH -- Come ye, spirits of the South, powers of Fire, bring the heat of noon to warm my days. Coax the seeds from the womb of the earth. Be with us this day, so mote it be!

SPIRIT -- Great Mother who gives the world form, as your web of life renews the earth, light that spark within us to awaken our souls. Join us in this sacred circle. Be with us this day, so mote it be!

Casting the Circle – (place daisies behind us) 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.

Rebirthing ritual

SPIRIT – (place black sheet over first participant, take slip of paper) Today is the time of the Spring Equinox. Ostara is a time of equal parts light and dark. Spring has arrived, and it is a time of rebirth. The planting season will soon begin, and life will form once more within the earth. As the earth welcomes new life and new beginnings, so can we be reborn in the light and love of the God and Goddess. **Do you, _____, wish to experience the rebirth of spring, and step out of the darkness into the light?**

NORTH -- (*sprinkles with salt*) With the blessings of Earth, and the life within the soil, you are reborn in the eyes of **the gods**.

EAST – (*passes with incense*) With the blessings of Air, may knowledge and wisdom be brought to you upon the winds.

SOUTH – (*passes with candle*) May the Fire of the spring sun bring growth and harmony into your life.

WEST – (*sprinkles water around*) With the blessings of Water, may the chill and darkness of winter be swept away by the warm spring rains.

SPIRIT – Rise! Step forth out of the darkness and climb into the light. Awaken once more in the arms of **the gods**. (*participant then emerges slowly from the black sheet, putting behind her/him the darkness of the past six months*) You have stepped once more into the light, and **the gods** welcome you. (*repeat for each person*)

Communion

During Communion, we crown the **Bunny Goddess**!

Awaken one, awaken all / and “hare” the bunny goddess call. / Blessed be our Mother Earth, / may she be filled with peace, magick and love. / The bunny goddess breathes life. / The bunny goddess gives life. / The bunny goddess IS life. / She reigns supreme! So mote it be!

Waking the Earth! Drumming begins and we unfurl our scarves and they become our snakes!

Chant: Gaia rising, Gaia rising, / Mother of love, mother of life.

And, counter chant: Gaia, Gaia, mother of all, / Gaia, Gaia, we heed your call.

Thanks

EAST – Air, precious breath, thank you for your presence tonight. Go if you must, stay if you will. Blessed be!

NORTH – Earth, new life, thank you for your presence tonight. Go if you must, stay if you will. Blessed be!

WEST – Water, nourishment, thank you for your presence tonight. Go if you must, stay if you will. Blessed be!

SOUTH – Fire, new beginnings, thank you for your presence tonight. Go if you must, stay if you will. Blessed be!

SPIRIT – As all good things must sometimes end, / go forth with the love the Goddess sends. / For if your heart is always true, / this circle will come back to you.

All: May the blessing of the Goddess remain in our hearts. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!