

Witches' Jar Ritual – 10-11-08

DIRECTIONS:

East: Spirits of Air, Elementals of the East, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic that we shall perform. So mote it be!

South: Spirits of Fire, Elementals of the South, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic that we shall perform. So mote it be!

West: Spirits of Water, Elementals of the West, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic that we shall perform. So mote it be!

North: Spirits of Earth, Elementals of the North, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic that we shall perform. So mote it be!

Spirit: Powers of the spirit and heart: strengthen our resolve, keep us centered. Help us be here, now. Let our bodies be strong for loving each other. Let the dizziness of the day pass. Because of our struggles and magic, may a greater circle be cast. So mote it be.

CASTING: These woods are dark, the path is shadowed. Walk with us, Lord and Lady. Hunter of the Forests, stand at our back. Star-eyed Protectress, fold your wings around us. Hold us fast, we pray; and banish all fear. 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 with perfect love and perfect trust.

INVOKE: We will serve the Great Goddess and give reverence to the Great God. We are pagans, stones of the ancient circle, standing firmly balanced on the earth, yet open to the winds of the heavens, and enduring through time. May the old Gods witness our works!

[Jar here or later?]

FOUR WINDS: (We summon the winds to aid in our work and to make an announcement to the whole world of our intentions for this rite. When each wind is called, we chime the bell.)

East: Winds of the East! Dazzling and bright! Aid us in our magical work!

South: Winds of the South! Fiery and radiant! Aid us in our magical work!

West: Winds of the West! Gentle and buoyant! Aid us in our magical work!

North: Winds of the North! Rushing and mighty! Aid us in our magical work!

PROTECTION STONES: (As we say this, pour all of our energy into the stones. These stones will be buried here in the circle.)

"Stones, evil you shall deny! Send it to the earth and sky! Send it to the flame and sea! Stones of power, protected this circle be."

(Now take stones and bury.)

WATER PROTECTION: (Place staffs, point down, into the water)

"Into the water we place our staffs / to guard against theft and shade. / May no flesh nor astral shell enter this place wherein we dwell!"

(Now take the cauldron and pour the water around the circle.)

FIRE PROTECTION: (Light a white candle [or use athame] and face each direction.)

East: "Nothing from the East can harm this circle!"

South: "Nothing from the South can harm this circle!"

West: "Nothing from the West can harm this circle!"

North: "Nothing from the North can harm this circle!"

(Hold in the air) "Nothing from above can harm this circle!"

(Bury on the ground) "Nothing from below can harm this circle!"

[Jar here or sooner?]

BINDING: By the all the power of three times three, / this spell bound around shall be / to cause no harm, nor return on me. As I do will, so mote it be!

THANKING GOD AND GODDESS: Nameless Eternal One, Lord of the Forest, Mother of All, we thank you for your radiance and your love. You have see our rite, witnessed our work--You have been our hands. We place our trust and gratitude in

You. Blessed be.

THANKING DIRECTIONS:

East: Watchtowers of the East, powers of air: you carry inspiration and revelation into our lives. Thank you for helping us to create safe space. Blessed be.

South: Watchtowers of the South, powers of fire: you give us the fire in our bellies to do our work. Thank you for the courage and the passion in our hearts. Blessed be.

West: Watchtowers of the West, powers of water: you revive us. Thank you for the refreshment and the reminder of our birth and connection. Blessed be.

North: Watchtowers of the North, powers of earth: you are the center. Thank you for grounding us in the reality we share. Blessed be.

Spirit: Powers of the spirit and heart: thank you for helping us to create safe space, for the courage and the passion, the reminder of our birth and connection. You are the center. Thank you for grounding us in the reality we share. Blessed be.

OPENING: The circle is open, but unbroken; may the peace of the Goddess be ever in your heart. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!