

Samhain 2016 with Treibh na Tinteán

DINNER

MEDITATION

AT THE VEIL

NORTH: This is the veil, the opening of a new gate...

EAST: and the closing of another.

SOUTH: This is the opening of a new season...

WEST: and the closing of another.

SPIRIT: This is the opening of a new path... and the closing of another.

NORTH: This is the beginning of a new time...

EAST: and the closing of another.

SOUTH: This is the start of a new journey...

WEST: and the closing of another.

SPIRIT: This is the beginning of a new year... and the closing of another.

CLEANSING BY PASSING THROUGH THE VEIL [*incense within*]

CASTING – [*All*] We cast this circle as sons and daughters, / Spinners and weavers, / Toolmakers, 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, heathen 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. / So mote it be!

DIRECTIONS

EAST: For 2 years I have represented elemental East—AIR. I release that title. Sceecee, East is where the light rises. Are you there?

Sceecee: I am here. ... [*Reads her calling.*]

SOUTH: For 2 years I have represented elemental South—FIRE. I release that title. Rachael, South is where the light stands high. Are you there?

Rachael: I am here. ... [*Reads her calling.*]

WEST: For 2 years I have represented elemental West—WATER. I release that title. Patrick, West is where the light descends. Are you there?

Patrick: I am here. ... *[Reads his calling.]*

NORTH: For 2 years I have represented elemental North—EARTH. I release that title. Dominic, North is where darkness is. Are you there?

Dominic: I am here. ... *[Reads his calling.]*

SPIRIT: For 2 years I have represented elemental SPIRIT, Above, Below and Within. I release that title. Dawn, Spirit is where light is born, lives, and is transformed. Are you there?

Dawn: I am here. ... *[Reads her calling.]*

[Adapted from "A Pagan Ritual Prayer Book" page 66.]

INVOKING GODDESS AND GOD *[Melissa and Danny]*

REMEMBERING and HONORING

Opening the Portal—

[All] All beloved spirits who walk this night—hearken! Hearken to our call! / We bid you in our circle join! / Enter, enter, one and all!

Come, ye spirits of beloved dead: be ye spirit of person, plant or pet—into this circle you are let!

Speak to us of things unknown! / Lend your energies to this rite! / To speed your journey, we have joined on this sacred Samhain night!

All beloved spirits who walk this night—hearken! Hearken to my call! / We bid you in our circle join! / Enter, enter, one and all!

[Come forward, light a candle and call a name.]

[Circle up]

Cauldron Of Rebirth -

[We pick up fabric to make cauldron, talk about the ways in which we seek rebirth. Go over the chant ("die and be reborn again; die and be reborn; die and be reborn again; die, and be reborn"), then do cone of power. When time to release, designated person calls it and fabric is dropped. Afterwards, state rebirth intentions.]

Communion and Offering of Ancestor Plate—[Where we show gratitude for their company on this Samhain evening.]

Hallow's Blessing to the Ancestors—

[All] To those whose feet are stilled, / and those who laugh with us no more, / to you we say our love was with you here / and goes with you now ...to that place / Where you rest and take delight.

May your feet walk along the coffin paths / to that place where all is fresh and green, / where lovers, friends and ancestors wait / with open arms to greet you.

Go in peace, with our blessings... / or remain a while this eve, with us / the living, / and life and hearth, and love ...

Be rested amongst your own, this eve / this one night, / this Samhain.

With countless turns of the wheel, / We miss you, be near us this eve, / We pray ever for you, And we will meet again, once more / when the wheel turns for us.

Pray be there to greet us, in that place. / We will walk the coffin paths together, / and bide awhile with kin and hearth / until that time be near us -- our kinsmen, / our guardians, / Our ancestors, / our beloved dead.

THANKING GOD AND GODDESS, and DIRECTIONS

[All] Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!