

Imbolc, Imbolg or Oimele, the feast of Bride and Candlemas, takes place around February 2nd and is the first of spring. The first buds are seen on the trees; the first flowers strike up through the frozen ground. Imbolc literally means ‘in the belly’ and at this time the first sheep are in lamb. The Goddess changes her robes of Crone for those of the Maiden.

CLEANSING

Using a besom to cleanse space and have participants wait outside Circle. Place besom on altar. Anoint each participant saying, “May you be blessed in the name of the Old Gods. In perfect love and perfect trust be welcomed into this Circle.”

CASTING CIRCLE

Using the Athame say,

Black Spirits and Red
White Spirits and Gray
Come ye, come ye
Come ye as come ye may!
Around, around, around about:
All good come in, all ill keep out!

QUARTERS

EAST- WE call upon you O Red Lady of the East. You who took the first action and in so doing set the world in motion. Lady of the Dawn, and of all beginnings! Behold, we do invoke You O Lady of the East and with you the Sylphs and spirits of the Air! Come to us! Join us! Lend us your aid and your inspiration in this our undertaking.

SOUTH- WE call upon you O White Lady of the South. You who united with the God and ensouled the world. Lady of Noonday, Mistress of fertility and of fecundity! Behold, we do invoke You O Lady of the South and with you the Salamanders and Spirits of Fire!

Come to us! Join us! Lend us your aid and your inspiration in this our undertaking.

WEST- WE call upon you O Gray Lady of the West. You who govern the cycles of time and rebirth. Lady of Sunset, who gathers home the fruits of creation! Behold, we do invoke You O Lady of the West and with you the Undines and spirits of the Water! Come to us! Join us! Lend us your aid and your inspiration in this our undertaking.

NORTH- WE call upon you O Black Lady of the North. You who were before the first creation and who shall endure beyond all reckoning. Lady of Midnight, you who are the darkness before the darkness! Behold, we do invoke You O Lady of the North and with you the Gnomes and spirits of the Earth! Come to us! Join us! Lend us your aid and your inspiration in this our undertaking.

The four quarters come to the center and dance and chant.

Air! Fire! Water! Earth!
Air! Fire! Water! Earth!
Air! Fire! Water! Earth!

We are One!
We are One!
We are One!

HP: behold: four queens dance, and by their dance the world is formed! As it was in the beginning the dance of the Elements sets the ritual in motion! Thought! Action! Reaction! Integration! An endless cycle of being!

Behold the dancer and imagine the energy raised by its steps. See the energy arising between the dancers – shining white and radiating in all directions. See that light grow and expand. See it moving out beyond them the dancers, expanding to encompass them, surround them, then expanding still farther! See the light fill our ritual space – growing brighter and brighter, expanding farther and farther until it

surrounds the entire ritual space. See the light form a barrier all the way around us – a barrier of light. A circle of art to focus and to contain the powers we shall raise herein.

Behold! By our will So Mote It Be!

ALL: So Mote It Be

GODDESS- Hail unto you O Maiden! We do invoke you, Dawn-Mistress, Lady of Renewal and Rebirth! Your many colors herald the return of the Sun, and you share them generously with the new-born flowers which shall emerge with Spring. Mistress of the Rainbow, and of all arts and forms of Creation – we bid you Hail and Welcome

ALL: Hail and Welcome

GOD- We invoke you O God in your form as Hero! Gentle Lord of the Rising Sun of spring and new beginnings. Eromenos! Lord of love and beauty, passion and creativity! Your fire, reborn, only just begins to burn in this holy season – yet we welcome the flame! We bid you Hail and Welcome

ALL: Hail and Welcome

ANCESTORS-O Might Ancestors, beloved ones who have gone before, we invoke you and ask you to join us and to Bless us! Ancestors of the Correllian Tradition, Priestesses and Priests, Mothers and Uncles of the lineage, spiritual family which aids and supports us – lend us your inspiration and your love, your guidance and your aid this night we pray. Beloved ones, we bid you Hail and Welcome.

ALL: Hail and Welcome

ACT OF POWER

Rainbow Chakra Blessing- 7 candles- red, orange, yellow, green, light blue, dark blue, purple.

HPS- Candlemas is the feast of light. Now light is returning to the world. The Maiden Goddess is the Goddess of Light: the light of the Waxing Moon: the light of the dawn: the light of Rainbow. The rainbow reveals the spectrum of light- its parts and qualities. So too the rainbow symbolically corresponds to the Divine Archetypes revealing the parts and qualities of Deity: so too the rainbow corresponds to the seven Chakras, revealing the parts and qualities of the body's major energy centers. Through the rainbow a range of Blessings are given. Tonight we honor the maiden and her rainbow also.

During this rite we will invoke the powers of the rainbow and its correspondences, attuning to them and receiving their Blessings. This ritual calls for a chant, in which all will join after each Blessing. The words are simple

Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

Now let us begin:

RED-mine is the red flame of Saturn, the Crone. I bless this assemblage with vitality and practicality. May you always have the resources and support you need in life. May you learn lessons, and teach in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

ORANGE-mine is the orange flame of Mars, the Hero. I bless this assemblage with creativity and passion. May you always have joy and excitement in life. May you receive pleasure, and give pleasure in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light

Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

YELLOW- mine is the yellow flame of the sun, the lover. I bless this assemblage with courage and self assurance. May you always have confidence and integrity in life. May you be encouraged and encourage others in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

GREEN- mine is the green flame of Venus, the Maiden. I bless this assemblage with love and healing. May you always have balance and harmony in life. May you be loved, and love in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

LIGHT BLUE- mine is the light blue flame of Mercury, the Sorcerer. I bless this assemblage with intelligence and will power. May you always have clarity and focus in life. May you gain knowledge and share it in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

DARK BLUE- mine is the dark blue flame of the Moon, the Mother. I bless this assemblage with psychic perception and magickal ability. May you always be guided by and connected to your Higher Self in life. May you receive many blessings and give blessings in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones

Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

PURPLE- mine is the purple flame of Jupiter, the King. I bless this assemblage with spiritual understanding and wisdom. May you always know Goddess and see her hand in your life. May you have enlightenment and guide others in your turn.

ALL: Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

Now join hands around the candles on their altar.

HPS- behold the rainbow- the seven colors of creation. Remember their blessings and consider how these might affect you in your life. Imagine the energy of these blessings as a ball of clearwhite light surrounding the candles. See that light grow brighter and stronger. As we chant, focus energy into that light, that these blessings may be amplified and multiplied.

Blessed be the holy ones
Seven powers born in light
Blessed is as blessed does
Blessed Be this holy night

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Blessed Be! Blessed Be! Blessed Be!

Imagine that ball of energy growing brighter and brighter, stronger and stronger, shining out in all directions like a sun in the center of our Circle and let us see that ball of light rise up, up, up- higher and higher, see the energy rise up and...prepare to release it ...NOW! and see the energy going out into manifestation in a flash of brilliant light!

CAKES AND ALE

One chalice with white wine and one with red wine.

HPS picks up the red wine and says- in the beginning was the Goddess. And she was alone and without form in the void of chaos before the first creation. But she longed to create – to work her will and give form to existence. And the Goddess dreamed: and the Goddess planned: and the Goddess longed: and from her longing came the first creation.

In the name of the Goddess may the Blessing Be upon this wine!

HP picks up the white wine and says – and from the Goddess was created the God. The Goddess divided herself, sending all of the fiery, active, physical aspects of herself into the God and retaining all of the watery, malleable, spiritual aspects for herself. And the God exploded out from the Goddess in the explosion of the first creation, sending fire and light in all directions.

In the name of the God may the Blessing Be upon this wine!

HPS- in time the light of the God cooled and took form, becoming Suns and planets and asteroids. The universe took shape and the Goddess was pleased. She desired to be part of this universe, to rejoin with the God and be one with him. But he fled from her as the mouse flees before the cat.

HP- and she took counsel of her higher self, which told her that ‘to rise you must fall’. And so the Goddess created the many souls and sent them into matter, so that through them she could unite with the GOD. And so was the world we know created.

HPS and HP pour the wines together.

HP and HPS- in the name of the Goddess and of the God may this Chalice be Blessed, that it may be a token of the bond of love which exists between ourselves and them, and between then and all of creation.

The HPS draws energy from the earth and the HP draws energy from the heavens and charges the chalice

SO MOTE IT BE

ALL; So Mote It Be.

Pass the cakes and say may you never hunger then the chalice and may you never thirst.

CLOSING CIRCLE

ANCESTORS- beloved ancestors, you who have gone before, your wisdom and your example guide us. We pray that you will be with us and aid us as we go forward, that we may call upon the strength and knowledge of the past, even as we build the future. We thank you for your presence and you aid this night, and at all times. May you Blessed Be in all things. We offer our love and our respect! We bid you hail and farewell.

ALL: Hail and Farewell

GODDESS- beautiful Maiden! Joyful and courageous! We thank you for your presence and your aid this night and at all times. We offer you our love and our respect! We bid you Hail and Farewell.

ALL: Hail and Farewell

God- O Hero God, Lord of rebirth! We thank you for your presence and your aid this night and at all times. We offer you our love and our respect! We bid you Hail and Farewell.

ALL: Hail and Farewell

NORTH- Black Lady of the North! We thank you for your presence and your aid in this sacred ritual, you and the Gnomes and Spirits of the Earth! May there be peace between us now and always! We bid you Hail and Farewell!

ALL: Hail and Farewell

WEST- Gray Lady of the West! We thank you for your presence and your aid in this sacred ritual, you and the Undines and Spirits of the Water! May there be peace between us now and always! We bid you Hail and Farewell!

ALL: Hail and Farewell

SOUTH- White Lady of the South! We thank you for your presence and your aid in this sacred ritual, you and the Salamanders and Spirits of the Fire! May there be peace between us now and always! We bid you Hail and Farewell!

ALL: Hail and Farewell

EAST- Red Lady of the East! We thank you for your presence and your aid in this sacred ritual, you and the Sylphs and Spirits of the Air! May there be peace between us now and always! We bid you Hail and Farewell!

ALL: Hail and Farewell

CIRCLE

Using the athame and say

Behold: As above so below! As the universe, so the soul! As within, so without! May the Circle be open but never broken! Merry meet, merry part and merry meet again.