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Circle of the Dark Moon Coven  
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**You will need these items:**

- The usual tools, candles, paraphernalia for ritual

**Items needed specific to working:**

- No special items are needed



**Preparation:**

**Cleansing Sacred Space**

*(Maiden sweeps—with circular widdershins motions—widdershins about the ritual area. When she is satisfied that enough negativity has been removed she sets the besom aside.*

*Next, she lights the illumination candle.*

*Except for the above mentioned exceptions, the maiden ensures that the altar should be divided between male objects on the right—God candle, censer, salt dish, HP's athame/sword/wand, and besom— and female objects on the left—Goddess candle, cauldron, bowl of water, chalice, libation plate (if used), bell, and the HPS' athame/wand/sword. The pentacle should be placed forward and between the Goddess and God candles.*

*The maiden also ensures that the chalice is filled and the 'cakes' are on the plate. When these tasks are completed, she assists the HPS in any other way deemed necessary.)*



**Call to the Circle**

**HPS:**           *(Rings bell to call everyone to the circle.)*

**HPS:** This time is not a time; this place is not a place; today is not a day; and this night is not a night. I stand at the threshold between the worlds. I stand ready to part the veil of mysteries. May the Ancient Ones help and protect us on our journey.

Blessed be.

**Coveners:** So mote it be.

### **The Challenge**

**HPS:** *(After admission into sacred space, the HPS circulates among the coveners and smudges them with sage or lavender. When this action is completed, the HPS resumes her place by the altar.)*



### **Consecration of the Elements**

#### **Charge at the Pentacle**

*(HP and HP kneel before the altar. The HP is on the right. Both of them place their right hands upon the pentacle. After a moment, they rise.)*

#### **Blessing the Salt**

**HPS:** *(places dish of salt upon the pentacle)*

**HPS:** I consecrate thee O creature of salt from the Earth,  
magickal aid, and seasoning for the Lady's cauldron upon the hearth.

I cast from thee all hindrance and malignity, so that in my works of  
magick you may well serve me.

*(HPS removes the dish of salt from the pentacle and then places the dish of water upon the pentacle. Then she takes the salt and using her Athame, drops into the water three measures of salt. She stirs the water three times with the tip of her athame. HPS sets the salt aside.)*

### **Blessing the Water**

**HPS:** I consecrate thee O creature of water—bubbles in the cauldron of rebirth—life giving, whether swiftly flowing or falling from the firmament.

I cast from thee all hindrance and malignity, so that in my works of magick you may well serve me.

**All:** So mote it be.

### **Blessing the Fire**

*(HP lights the incense)*

**HP:** I consecrate thee O creature of Fire—force of Magick’s pyre.

I cast from thee all hindrance and malignity, so that in my works of magick you may well serve me.

**All:** So mote it be.

### **Blessing the Air**

*(HP places the censer containing incense upon the pentacle)*

**HP:** I consecrate thee O creature of Air blowing free with the imagination to dare.

I cast from thee all hindrance and malignity, so that in my works of magick you may well serve me.

**All:** So mote it be.

*(HP sets the censer aside.)*



## **Circle Casting**

### **(by Earth)**

*(HP and HPS take their athames and trace the sacred circle. If desired, they may leave a doorway in the northeastern quadrant. They walk together with the HP's hand upon the HPS' shoulder.)*

**HPS:** I conjure thee, O Circle of Power, to be a meeting place of love, joy and truth—a boundary between the worlds of men and the Realms the Mighty Ones.

A rampart and Protection against all wickedness that shall both contain and entertain the powers raised within—wherefore do I consecrate thee in the name of The Lord of the Sun and the Lady of the Moon.

## **Strengthening the Circle**

### **(by Water)**

*(Witch 1: Sprinkles the salt and water mixture around the circle)*

**Witch 1:** Rain of water and salt sprinkled upon the ground,  
This blessed water sprinkled round and round.  
Protect us from wickedness and make our magick sound.

*(Witch 1: When their circuit is completed, they replace the water upon the altar.)*

### **(by Air)**

*(Witch 2: takes the censer and walks about the circle)*

**Witch 2:** Into the night sky, incense smoke, roil, rise, and writhe,  
This smoke takes our intentions to the skies  
Sunder us from the mundane like a scythe.

*(Witch 2: When their circuit is completed, they replace the censer upon the altar.)*

**(by Fire)**

*(Witch 3: takes a candle and walks about the circle)*

**Witch 3:** Fire, shine true and bright,  
Aid, grant clarity of sight,  
Mayest the Gods be with us this night.

*(Witch 3: When their circuit is completed, they replace the water upon the altar.)*



**Calling the Quarters**

**East**

Hail, guardians of the East: Sylphs of the Airs.  
High above in your sky mansions in the atmosphere  
Your winds whisper of the imagination to dare.  
Come to this circle on this Full Awakening moon Night,  
To witness and protect these sacred magickal rites.

*(Draw the invoking pentagram of Air)*



**South**

Hail, guardians of the South: salamanders of Fire,  
From your realms of brimstone and fire, your will never fails to inspire.  
Come to this circle on this Full Awakening moon night,  
To witness and protect these sacred magickal rites.

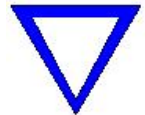
*(Draw the invoking pentagram of **Fire**)*



**West**

Hail, guardians of the West: Undines of the Waters.  
Shallow and deep, your tides ebb and flow;  
From stream to ocean, you hold depths of emotion, and mysteries to  
know.  
Come to this circle on this Full Awakening moon Night,  
To witness and protect these sacred magickal rites.

*(Draw the invoking pentagram of **Water**)*



**North** Hail, guardians of the North: Gnomes of the Earth.  
Keeping silent beneath mountains you materialize stone into fantastic works.  
Come to this circle on this Full Awakening moon Night,  
To witness and protect these sacred magickal rites.

*(Draw the invoking pentagram of Earth)*



### **Drawing down the Moon**

#### **Invocation to the Goddess**

*(HPS assumes the blessing position with her back to the coven.)*

**HPS:** I invoke thee and call upon thee, Mighty Mother of us all,  
bringer of grain, grasses, and fruit trees tall.

By seed, by Hawthorn leaf, by bud and stem,  
by flower and root,  
O Goddess I surrender myself unto thy truth.

I call upon thee as though beseeching the moon above,  
To descend upon me—thy servant priestess—and to show forth your  
presence and love.

*(HPS turns and lights the Goddess candle.)*



## The Charge of the Goddess

*(HPS as the Goddess Herself, faces the coven. If the Goddess so moves her, the HPS may now address the coven using the words of the Goddess Herself. Otherwise she may recite the Charge of the Goddess.)*

**HP:** Whenever ye have need of anything,  
Once in the month and better it be when the moon is full,  
Then shall ye assemble in some secret place,  
And adore the spirit of me,  
Who am Queen of all witches.

There shall ye assemble,  
Ye who are fain to learn all sorcery,  
Yet have not won its deepest secrets;  
To these will I teach all things that are as yet unknown.

And ye shall be free from slavery;  
And as a sign that ye be truly free,  
You shall be naked in your rites;  
And ye shall dance, sing, feast, make music and love,  
All in my praise.  
For mine is the ecstasy of the spirit,  
And mine also is joy on earth;  
For my law is love unto all beings.

Keep pure your highest ideals;  
Strive ever towards them,  
Let nothing stop you or turn you aside.  
For mine is the secret door which  
Opens upon the Land of Youth,  
And mine is the cup of the wine of life,  
And the Cauldron of Cerridwen,  
Which is the Holy Vessel of Immortality.  
I am the gracious Goddess,  
Who gives the gift of joy unto the heart of man.

Upon earth,  
I give the knowledge of the spirit eternal;  
And beyond death,  
I give peace, and freedom,  
And reunion with those who have gone before.

Nor do I demand sacrifice;  
For behold, I am the Mother of all living,  
And my love is poured out upon the Earth.

I am the beauty of the green earth,  
And the white moon among the stars,  
And the mystery of the waters,  
And the desire of the heart of man.

Call unto thy soul, arise, and come unto me.  
For I am the soul of Nature,  
Who gives life to the Universe.  
From me all things proceed,  
And unto me all things must return;  
And before my face, beloved of gods and of men,  
Let thine innermost divine self be enfolded,  
In the rapture of the infinite.

Let my worship be within the heart that rejoices,  
For behold all acts of love and pleasure are my rituals.  
Therefore, let there be beauty and strength,  
Power and compassion, honor and humility,  
Mirth and reverence within you.

And thou who thinketh to seek for me,  
Know thy seeking and yearning shall avail thee not,  
Unless thou knoweth the mystery;  
That if that which thou seekest thou findest not within thee,  
Thou wilt never find it without thee.

For behold, I have been with thee from the beginning;  
And I am that which is attained at the end of desire.



### **Drawing down the Sun**

### **Invocation to the God**

*(HP assumes the Osiris position with his back to the coven.)*

**HP:** You are the stag of seven tines,  
Actaeon and Cernnunos to Romulus and Remus.  
You are the Lord of all things wild,  
You are the consort of She whom we adore and before, you were her child.

You are the stag of seven tines.  
Great Father, return to Earth, again,  
Come at my call and show Yourself to men.  
Shepherd of goats, upon the wild hill's way,  
Lead thy flock from night into day.

You are the stag of seven tines.  
Forgotten are the ways of sleep and night—  
Men seek for them whose eyes have lost the light.  
Open the door of dreams, whereby men come to thee.  
Shepherd of goats, ruler of wild things, Descend upon thy servant and priest. O  
answer unto me.

*(HP turns and lights the God candle.)*

### **Charge of the God**

*(HP as the God Himself, faces the coven. If the God so moves him, the HP may now address the coven using the words of the God Himself. Otherwise he may recite the Charge of the God.)*

**HP:** Listen to the words of the Horned God,  
The Guardian of all things wild and free,  
Keeper of the Gates of Death,  
Whose Call we all must Heed:

I am the fire within your Heart,  
The yearning of your Soul.  
I, the Hunter of Knowledge, Seeker of the Holy Quest  
I, who stand in the darkness, am He whom you call Death.

I, the Consort and Mate of Her whom we adore,  
Beckoned forth to Thee,  
To learn the secrets of Death and Peace,  
Come thou unto me.

I am corn at harvest and fruit on the trees.  
I am He who leads you home.

With Scourge and Flame, Blade and Blood,  
These are mine own gifts to thee.

Call unto me in the forest wild and hilltop bare,  
And seek me in the Darkest Night.  
I, who have been called by many names by those gathered in the moonlight.

Speak to thee in thy search, Come to dance and sing;  
Come live and love; behold this is worshiping.

I, am thy Father. You are my children.  
On swift night wings, it is I who lay you at the Mother's feet;  
to be reborn and to return again to seek .

Know me, I am the untamed wind,  
the fury of storm.  
Seek me with pride and humility,  
and passion in your Soul.



### **Statement of Purpose**

**HPS:** Welcome everyone.

Tonight is the full Awakening Moon. This full moon is also known as the Seed Moon, and the Wind Moon. For a working tonight we will be doing a little cord magick to create a talisman for summoning a testudo—or psychic shield.



### **Power Raising**

*(HPS & HP lead the coven in Witches' Rune)*

## Witches Rune

Darksome night and full Awakening moon,  
Hearken to the Witches' rune.  
East then South, West then North,  
Hear, Come, I call thee forth.

By all the powers of land and sea,  
Be obedient unto me.  
Wand and Pentacle and Sword,  
Hearken ye unto my word.

Cords and Censer, Scourge and Knife,  
Waken all ye into life.  
Powers of the Witches' Blade,  
Come ye as the charge is made.

Queen of Heaven, Queen of Hell,  
Send your aid unto the spell.  
Horned Hunter of the night,  
Work my will by magic rite.

By all the powers of land and sea,  
As I do say "So mote it be".  
By all the might of Moon and Sun,  
As I do, my will be done.

(If she likes, the HPS may have the coven chant the Eko Eko chant three times)

**All:** Eko Eko Azarak  
Eko Eko Zomelak

Zod Ru Koz E Zod Ru Koo

Zod ru Goz e goo ru moo

Eeo Eeo Hoo Hoo Hoo

Eko Eko Azarak  
Eko Eko Zomelak

Eko Eko Lugh

Eko Eko Brighid.



### **Main Working Meditation**

**HP:** We call forth now the Elemental  
Children of Gaia...

**HPS:** Children of Gaia, Come to us now, We claim you as our own! (*Gestures to all*)

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW, WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**EAST:** (*Steps forward*) I am the Air of Gaia:  
The winds, the hurricanes and breezes,  
The scent of flowers,  
The vibrations of birdsong and drums.  
I am Gaia's breath, echoed in your own.  
(*Steps back into Circle*)

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**SOUTH:** (*Steps forward*) I am the Fires of Gaia:  
The volcanoes and geysers, the hot fluid core,  
Alive and changing, the lightning, the sparks,  
The slow smoldering chemistry of life.

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**WEST:** (*Steps forth*) I am the Waters of Gaia:  
The rain and rivers, the seas and the snows.  
We are the fluid in Gaia's veins—  
Feel us in your blood and tears.

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**NORTH:** (*Steps out*) I am the Earthwork of Gaia:  
Mountains and caverns, beaches and canyons,

Crystals, metals, and gems.  
We are Gaia's flesh and bones.  
*(Steps back into Circle)*

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**HPS:** The Elemental Forces are here and it is good.  
Now let us call forth the living beings:  
Children of Gaia.

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**FAUNA:** *(Steps forward)* I am Fauna;  
I stand for the animals.  
Finned, furred, feathered, scaled and skinned.  
We are Gaia's Children.  
We call to the humans to see us as your kin.  
*(Steps back into Circle)*

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!

**FLORUS:** *(Steps forward)* I am Florus;  
I stand for vegetation.  
The canopy of forests, the healing herbs,  
The flowers and fruits, vegetables and grains.  
We are Gaia's Children.  
We call to the humans to see us as your kin.  
*(Steps back into Circle)*

**ALL:** CHILDREN OF GAIA, COME TO US NOW,  
WE CLAIM YOU AS OUR OWN!!

**HP:** Welcome, Children of Gaia!  
We too are Children of the Mother.  
We are your brothers and sisters.  
You are part of us, as we are of you.

**HPS:** She's been waiting, waiting,  
She's been waiting so long!  
She's been waiting for her Children  
To remember, to return.

**HPS:** Consciousness—what a concept! How did it come to be? Let's imagine how it might have been. How it was for us.  
In a time before there was memory, we lived in our Mother's belly. We were embedded in creation, held in her womb, woven together in the fabric of life.  
We were a part of the Earth and Waters, and the Fires and the Air, one with trees and beasts and rocks and seasons—a web of teeming life, merging, connecting all in our unconsciousness deep within the Mother. Our Mother's love was great and her desire kept us held to her breast, and we suckled for millennia—cycles of time spiraling around and around and around.

And then—

In one moment of time, within one millennium, we reached out of the darkness, and emerged into the light.

And a dazzle of brightness that was the I, the Me, the Ego, burst into glory. Our eyes opened—*my* eyes opened, and I saw my image in the waters.

For the first time I knew myself—ME.

You looked and saw yourself—YOU.

I AM ME! YOU ARE YOU! WE ARE DIFFERENT!

It's incredible. I know who I am. I can think about me and my world. I can analyze, categorize, name things. This is that and that's this, and I've named everything in the world and it's mine to change.

Our egos were a glorious gift. We made great changes. We learned to speak and to dance and tell stories and build shelters and temples and to count and sing songs and track the stars and to cook and make wine and to heal the sick and to follow in our hearts where our life went when it left us.

And it was good. It was very good.



Can you each remember back to your own childhood or infancy to your own first individual moment of epiphany? Try to remember the exact moment when you knew who you were. The blazing instant you understood that you were not your Mommy or Daddy, or the kitty or the TV set. You were your very own person. *(Pause)*

And that person had a name. Consciousness is inextricably interwoven with the magick of naming. We have names. They say that cats and dogs and other animals as well have a secret name that only they know. We are who we are when we can name ourselves. And now we will use that power and speak the name we wish to claim for ourselves— starting with YOU!

**HPS:** *(Points to someone. Then everyone goes quickly deasil around the circle and says their name.)*

**HPS:** Blessed am I, freedom am I  
I am the infinite within myself  
I can find no beginning,  
I can find no end  
All this I am. (Great Goddess...)

**HP:** Consciousness has come forth on this planet at various times and in various guises. It is the product of an inexorable force greater than plants and animals. Greater than the Elements; even greater than time and space. That is the mysterious force of evolution to which all these things are subject. No matter what the public schools in Georgia and Mississippi teach, when evolution is outlawed, only outlaws will evolve! *(Pause for laughs)*  
Now we will call upon that force to aid us in our working today.

**FAUNA/FLORUS:** *(Step forward and read alternating passages.)*  
We call upon the spirit of evolution,  
the miraculous force that inspires rocks and dust to weave themselves into biology. You

have stood by us for millions and billions of years— do not forsake us now. Empower us and awaken in us pure and dazzling creativity.

**FAUNA:** You who can turn scales into feathers, seawater to blood, caterpillars to butterflies, metamorphose our species, awaken in us the powers that we need to survive the present crisis and evolve into more aeons of our solar journey.

**FLORUS:** Awaken in us a sense of who we truly are: tiny ephemeral blossoms on the Tree of Life. Make the purposes and destiny of that tree our own purpose and destiny.

**FAUNA:** Fill each of us with love for our true self, which includes all of the creatures and plants and landscapes of the world. Fill us with a powerful urge for the wellbeing and continual unfolding of this self.

**FLORUS:** May we speak in all human councils on behalf of the animals and plants and landscapes of the Earth.

**FAUNA:** May we shine with a pure inner passion that will spread rapidly through these leaden times.

**FLORUS:** May we all awaken to our true and only nature—none other than the nature of Gaia, this living planet Earth.

**FAUNA:** We call upon the power that sustains the planets in their orbits, that wheels our Milky Way in its 200-million-year spiral, to imbue our personalities and our relationships with harmony, endurance, and joy.

**FLORUS:** Fill us with a sense of immense time so that our brief, flickering lives may truly reflect the work of vast ages past and also the millions of years of evolution whose potential

lies in our trembling hands.

**FAUNA/FLORUS:** O stars, lend us your burning passion.  
O silence, give weight to our voice.

We ask for the presence of the spirit  
of Gaia to be with us here, for our own highest  
good and for the highest good of all.

**HPS:** Gaia! Mama Gaia!  
Mama Gaia, can you hear?  
Gaia! Mama Gaia!  
We're askin' you to draw near.  
'Cause we're gonna sing a song  
An' dance around the Fire  
Gonna dance all night long,  
Raising the energy higher!

**HPS:** There is power in the name of Gaia. It is an ancient name, from an ancient land. She has in turn given her name to science: to geology, geography, geophysics. Our Mother has a name and now, thanks to science, she has a face that we have all seen. Almost all humanity has seen the lovely image of our home planet spinning in her blue and white majesty—all alone in the diamond-dusted blackness of space. We are going to conjure up the face of Gaia here today. We will do it as an act of will and magickal focus. We want to visualize that image floating here, in the center of our Circle. All of us together beaming our intent into that single tightly focused image. Let us close our eyes. Imagine you are lying back and gazing up at the night sky. Hold your hand up against the stars, moving your fingers together and apart, and watch the auras stretch thinner and separate. And let this image morph into one of cell division, as the dividing cell stretches slowly apart until it separates into two. From this image, let your imagination "rewind the film" backwards, within your body, so the two cells become one, merging with others, over and over, until all of the cells in your

body become the one original zygote.  
And realize that all those trillions of cells  
were just multiple subdivisions of the first one,  
still comprised of the same protoplasm, the  
same DNA. And that's why you are a singular  
being, rather than a colony of separate cells.  
But don't stop there. Continue to follow  
the thread of your own DNA back through  
your parents, your ancestors, apes, monkeys,  
lemurs, tree shrews, reptiles, amphibians,  
fish—swimming upstream like a salmon, tracing  
the river of life back to its original source—  
back to the first cell that ever was.



### **Consecration of the Wine and Cakes (Symbolic Great Rite)**

#### **Great Rite (Symbolic)**

*(HPS takes the chalice and the HP stands before her holding his athame.)*

**HPS:** You are the spear of the Sun.

*(HP lowers his athame into the wine)*

**HP:** And you are the Goddess of the Moon.

**HPS/HP:** And together we are one.

*(HP replaces his athame upon the altar.)*

#### **Consecration of the Wine**

**HPS:** *(lays her athame down and places the chalice on the pentacle.)*

**HPS:** May this offering to the God and Goddess keep us from ever knowing thirst.

### Consecration of the Cakes

**HPS:** *(removes the chalice and replaces it with the plate of cakes before the. She touches each cake in turn with her athame.)*

**HPS:** May this offering to the God and Goddess keep us from ever knowing hunger.

### Simple Feast (Cakes and Ale)

**(Note:** *the ceremony of Cakes and Ales now proceeds according to the HPS' wishes: either the plate and chalice is passed from covener to covener and they serve themselves or each other according to coven custom or the HPS and HP proceed from covener to covener serving them and finally each other.)*

**HPS:** *(When all of the coveners have partaken of the simple feast, the HPS places some food and drink in the libation bowl. HPS raises the libation plate in salute.)*

**HPS:** To the Gods.

**Coveners:** To the Gods.



### Closing the Circle

#### Release of Deities

#### Release of the Goddess

**HPS:** *(faces the altar, assumes the Goddess position—or alternatively salutes with athame—and recites)*

Queen of the Universe who wears a mantle of stars and moonlight, on this Full  
Awakening moon night,  
We thank you for your attending and witnessing these rites.  
With your help, we shall start down the path to wisdom's light.

For this boon, and glimpse  
Of your magick, and mystery,  
We salute and thank Thee.

Alas, our time together now is past.  
We bid thee farewell.  
Stay if you will and join our repast.  
Leave us if you must.  
Ere you leave us, know that all who met here  
Did so in perfect love and perfect trust.

**HPS:** *(Extinguishes the Goddess candle)*

### **Release of the God**

**HP:** *(Assumes the Osiris position)*

Thou art the Stag of Seven tines.  
He who's power is wide as the flood on a plain.  
Your wisdom stretches like a hawk across the sky.

For this boon, and glimpse of your magick, and mystery,  
We salute and thank Thee.

Alas, our time together now is past.  
We bid thee farewell.  
Stay if you will and join our repast.  
Leave us if you must.  
Ere you leave us, know that all who met here  
Did so in perfect love and perfect trust.

**HP:** *(Extinguishes the God candle)*

### **Quarter Dismissals**

*(The HP follows the HPS around the quarters—except where noted—while the rest of the coven remain in place around the circle but mimic the HPS' gestures. At each quarter, the HPS and HP salute the quarter with their athames. After the dismissal, the HPS, HP, and coveners, draw the banishing pentagram. The banishing pentagram of Earth shall be used for all dismissals.)*

**North**            Hail, guardians of the North, Gnomes of the Earth.  
On this Full Awakening moon night, we thank you for witnessing and  
protecting our sacred magickal rite.

Go if you must; stay if you will; but know that we met in perfect love and perfect trust.

*(Draw the banishing pentagram of Earth)*



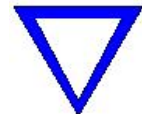
### **West**

Hail, guardians of the West, Undines of the Waters.

On this Full Awakening moon night, we thank you for witnessing and protecting our sacred magickal rite.

Go if you must; stay if you will; but know that we met in perfect love and perfect trust.

*(Draw the banishing pentagram of Water)*



### **South**

Hail, guardians of the South, Salamanders of Fire,

On this Full Awakening moon night, we thank you for witnessing and protecting our sacred magickal rite.

Go if you must; stay if you will; but know that we met in perfect love and perfect trust.

*(Draw the banishing pentagram of Fire)*







**East** Hail, guardians of the East, Sylphs of the Airs,  
On this Full Awakening moon night, we thank you for witnessing and  
protecting our sacred magickal rite.  
Go if you must; stay if you will; but know that we met in perfect love and  
perfect trust.

*(Draw the banishing pentagram of Air)*



### **Opening the Circle**

*(HPS and HP face the altar together. The Deities have been thanked and the Quarters dismissed, therefore, the next action is to 'take down' the circle. Since the circle was thrice cast, it should be thrice unwound. Also, because the circle was cast deosil it should be undone in a widdershins direction.)*

*(HPS walks the circle widdershins while reciting the incantation to dissemble sacred space.)*

**HPS:** O Circle of Power, as I have conjured thee I now release your energies  
into this blade.

*(In your mind's eye, see the circle dissolve into a wispy energy smoke, which the glowing blade readily absorbs)*

Where there once existed a rampart between this world and the  
Otherworld, the rampart is no more. Once again, our realms are  
separate. However, the love and joy with which we met here tonight  
remains undiminished.

**HPS:** *(Rejoins the HP at the altar and then together they face the rest of the coven)*

Just as the Moon and Stars must yield to the Sun When night is done,  
So must we depart at ritual's end.  
It is time for us to leave this realm of magick, mystery, and the circle of  
ancestors and friends.

The circle is open but remains unbroken.  
Blessed be.

**Coveners:** Blessed be.