



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

#### **General Items**

- The usual altar accouterments
- Items that are required for every ritual or working
- Altar facing east.
- Bell
- God/Goddess candles
- Red (fire) illumination candle
- Quarter Candles - Green (North), Yellow (East), Red (South) and Blue (West)
- Matches or lighter
- Athamé, Sword, or Wand
- Besom
- Chalice for Libation for God and Goddess
- Plate for libation for God and Goddess
- Cauldron
- Crescent or sugar cookies
- Mead or some other clear and sweet non-alcoholic beverage.
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#### **Items Specific to Ritual**

- A corn dolly/wheat chaff/wheat bread etc.

#### **Preparation**

- No special actions are needed except for standard ritual practices of cleansing and temple preparation.

#### **Cleansing Sacred Space**

Sweep the area with besom then smudge with violet-sage.



## **Attunement**

**HPS:** This is an exercise, which shall help us to combine and harmonize our energies. It is simplified version of the middle pillar exercise.

Stand relaxed but upright with you spine straight.

Inhale, then exhale.

Visualize a bright beam of streaming light shining down upon your head

Begin to breathe in slowly to a count of three; hold this breath for a count of three, and then slowly exhale to a count of three. Then hold at the bottom for a count of three and then begin again.

While you are breathing, pull this light energy into your body. Let the light fill you until you are translucent and fairly glowing. Then let the light go and sink into the ground at your feet.

Let's do this visualization for a total of three breaths.

Now let's do this again but instead of grounding the energy, let it circulate around your aura in a circle. Visualize this energy coming out of the top of your head and going around the outskirts of your energy field, one stream going to the left and the other stream going to the right. The two streams should reconnect at the feet and enter back into the center of your body.

Let's do this for three breaths.



## **Consecration of Water and Salt**

### **Charge at the Pentacle**

*(HPS and HP with athames over their hearts and the other hand on the pentacle, bend in silence for a moment. During this time, they silently ask the Lord and Lady for strength and guidance.)*

### **Blessing the Salt**

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

I consecrate thee O creature of salt—fruit of the Earth,  
Magickal aid, and seasoning for the Lady's cauldron on 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—the Goddess' sacred element: life giving, whether swiftly flowing or gently 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 Air**

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

**HP:** I consecrate thee O creature of Air element that blows within the will 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.

### **Blessing the Fire**

*(HP lights the incense)*

**HP:** I consecrate thee O creature of Fire—element of desire and the flame 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.

*(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 and welcome ye Sylphs of the Airs and realms of the Atmosphere,  
I do summon, stir, and call you up.  
Bring with you the hosts of the watchtowers of the East  
to guard our circle and to witness our rites.  
Sylphs, thou art the gatekeepers of the Eastern Portals of Knowledge and  
Intellect.

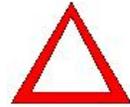
*(Draw the invoking pentagram of Air)*



**South**

Hail and welcome ye Salamanders from your realms of Fire,  
I do summon, stir, and call you up.  
Bring with you the hosts of the watchtowers of the South  
to guard our circle and to witness our rites.  
Salamanders, thou art the gatekeepers of the Southern Portal.

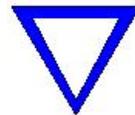
*(Draw the invoking pentagram of Fire)*



**West**

Hail and welcome ye Undines of the Waters,  
I do summon, stir, and call you up.  
Bring with you the hosts of the watchtowers of the West  
to guard our circle and to witness our rites.  
Undines, thou art the gatekeepers of the Western Portals to Death and  
Initiation.

*(Draw the invoking pentagram of Water)*



**North** Hail and welcome ye Gnomes, Dwarves, and Trolls of the Earthen Realms,  
I do summon, stir, and call you up.  
Bring with you the hosts of the watchtowers of the North  
to guard our circle and to witness our rites.  
Gnomes, Dwarves, and Trolls thou art the gatekeepers of the Northern Portal  
of Boreas.

*(Draw the invoking pentagram of Earth)*



### **Drawing down the Moon**

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

**HPS:** O thou beautiful, Lady of the Moon,  
most revered, mysterious, and triune,  
Round and full above, yet hidden from our sight.  
You glide through a starry sky this Full Harvest Moon night.

Thou art the Holy priestess, the triple Goddess,  
Our mighty protectress during the full Moon in darkness.  
You are maiden, mother, and crone,  
At once, beautiful, full, dark and terrible to behold.

Admirable queen of the starry night,  
Show me the mysteries and clear my sight.  
I invoke thy lunar ecstasy, and thy mystic trance.  
I invoke thy magick, and thy initiated guidance.

I invoke thee to enrich my soul's power,  
O Mother, Brigid come, onto me in this enchanted and sacred hour.  
I invoke thee and call upon thee, bright Mother in Shadows of us all.  
At the crossroads, I await thee; please heed my call.

I invoke thy lunar ecstasy,  
and thy mystic trance.  
I invoke thy magick sovereignty,  
and thy initiated guidance.

On this full moon night bright as day  
O Brigid, moonlight Goddess, come unto me this day,

Descend upon me riding your chariot drawn by deer,  
Enter me upon this moonlight clear.  
I invoke thee to enrich my soul's power,  
Come, O come, onto me in this enchanted and sacred hour.

*(HPS lights the Goddess candle.)*

### **The Charge of the Goddess**

*(HPS as the Goddess Herself, the HPS turns to face the coven.)*

**HPS:** 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:** By the flame that burneth bright,  
O Horned One !  
We call thy name into the night,  
O Ancient One !

Thee we invoke by the Moon-led sea,  
By the standing stone and the twisted tree.  
Thee we invoke, where gather Thine own.  
By the nameless shore, forgotten and lone.

Come where the round of the dance is trod,  
Horn and Hoof of the Goat Foot God !  
By moonlit meadow, on dusky hill,  
Where the haunted wood is hushed and still,

Come to the charm of the chanted prayer,  
As the Moon bewitches the midnight air.  
Evoke thy powers that potent bide  
In shining stream and the secret tide,

In fiery flame by starlight pale,  
In shadowy host that rides the gale.  
And by the ferndrakes, faerie haunted,  
Of forests wild and woods enchanted.

Come, O Come !  
To the heartbeat's drum !  
Come to us who gather below,  
When the broad white Moon is climbing slow.  
Through the stars to the heavens' height,  
We hear thy hoofs on the wind of night !  
As black tree branches shake and sigh,  
By joy and terror we know thee nigh.  
We speak the spell thy power unlocks,

At Solstice Sabbath and Equinox !  
Mighty God, Honored Sacrifice,  
With all your strength and all your love,  
Descend among us,

Bring your light one more time to banish the dark  
By love and life, I do invoke Thee  
To descend upon the body of this thy servant and priest!

Great God Lugh, return to Earth again!  
Come at my call and show thyself to men.  
Shepherd of Goats, upon the wild hill's way,  
Lead thy lost flock from darkness into day.

Forgotten are the ways of sleep and night -  
Men seek for them whose eyes have lost the light.  
Open the door, the door which hath no key,  
The door of dreams, whereby men come to thee.  
O Mighty Stag, O answer to me.

*(HP lights the God candle.)*

### **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;  
Lugh/Lugh, Pan, Hades, Hermes, Puck, Loki, and Osiris Bright.

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**

**HP:** Welcome everyone. Tonight we celebrate the full Harvest Moon.



## **Main Working**

### **Power Raising**

*(HPS & HP lead the coven in Power Raising)*

**HP:** Your hay it is mow'd and your corn it is reap'd.  
Your barns will be full and your hovels heap'd  
Come, boys, come,  
Come, boys, come.  
And merrily roar out our harvest home.  
And merrily roar out our harvest home.

**All:** Harvest home, harvest home!  
And merrily roar out our harvest home.  
And merrily roar out our harvest home.

**HPS:** We've cheated the parson, we'll cheat him again,  
For why should a blockhead have one in ten?  
One in ten, one in ten,  
For why should a blockhead have one in ten?  
For why should a blockhead have one in ten?

**All:** For prating so long, like a book-learn'd sot,  
Till pudding and dumpling are burnt to the pot:  
Burnt to pot, burnt to pot  
Till pudding and dumpling are burnt to pot.  
Till pudding and dumpling are burnt to pot.

**HP/** We'll toss off our garments in the greenwood and drink ale till we cannot stand;

**HPS:** And heigh for the honour of Gods when They come again;  
And heigh for the honour of Gods when They come again  
And heigh for the honour of Gods when They come again

**All:** Harvest home, harvest home  
And heigh for the honour of Gods when They come again  
And heigh for the honour of Gods when They come again

## Harvest Offering Ritual

**HPS:** *(Walks deosil around the altar while chanting)*

**HPS:** Fur and feathers and scales and skin  
Different without but the same within.  
Many a body but one the soul  
By all creatures are the Gods made whole.

**HPS:** *(Moves to the cauldron, raising corn-dolly/vegetable bundle/grain overhead)*

**HPS:** Behold, this is the mystery. This is our body; this is our blood.

**Coveners:** Blessed be.

**East:** Semele, seed sower, be with us.

**South:** Ceres, grain on stalk, be with us.

**West:** Demeter, harvest grantor, be with us

**North:** Gaia, ground of our being, be with us.

**HPS:** *(lights the offering flame)*

**HPS:** Mother Goddess, who brings forth fruits, Father God, dying and reborn that we not die, we thank you for the gifts of the season. We return you to you, and watch as the wheel turns again."

**HPS:** *(Places the grain offering into the cauldron or candle flames. Ideally this offering is the corn dolly)*

**HPS:** *(Next, the HPS pours a libation onto the earth at the base of the altar. This is literally a drink for the Earth.)*

**HPS:** Earth and Sun, by your eternal dance, we live. Blessed Be.

**Coveners:** Blessed be.



## **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 One the Sun shines through.

*(HP lowers his athame into the wine)*

**HP:** And you are the Grail 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)**

**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 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)*

Sun King, Lord of Summer, who sets our heads afire on this full 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.

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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 ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the North,  
Ye Lords of Earth, ye Lords of transformations of great worth,  
On this full 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.

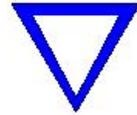
*(Draw the banishing pentagram of **Earth**)*



**West**

Hail ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the West,  
Ye Lords of Water, ye Lords Death, Succor, and Rest,  
On this full 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 ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the South,  
Ye Lords of Fire, ye Lords of Passion and Desire,  
On this full moon night, we thank you for witnessing and protecting  
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 ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the East,  
Ye Lords of Air, ye Lords of Rebirth, Initiation, and Knowledge fair, On this full  
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:** 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 dark yields to light at night's end, it is time for us to leave this realm of magick, mystery, and the circle of our ancestors and friends.

The circle is open but remains unbroken.

Blessed be.

**Coveners:** Blessed be.

