

**Cleans self:** do what you can. A pre ritual bath or shower is nice. You can do this at home before you head out to where ever you are going to celebrate. Take this time to get in the mood and mind set for the event. If you cannot bathe go somewhere where you can wash your hands and visualize the rest of the elemental grime coming off. Once on location you will want to ready the space. Set it up how you want it. Maybe mark the border of where the circle will be and make sure you have everything you need ready to go.

**Cleans the space.** Most witches use a broom to sweep up and cleanse the area.

## **Cast the circle**

The Classic way to cast a circle is to call in the 4 elements and there are many, many ways to do that. This is one version. You can say the words I have written or similar ones. Remember that a circle is always a complete sphere with half above and around you and half below.

As always I like to have my space set up first. Everything I need within the circle; and the boundary of the circle clearly marked in some way. You may choose to mark the four directions with candles to be lit when you call each direction in, or with representations of each element. I have a rock I like for the North and a censor with incense for the east, a red candle for the south, and a bowl of water for the west.

You will walk around the circle clock wise, starting at the north. The first time you walk around hold out your wand/ athame/ or hand (right hand if your right handed, left if your left handed) and visualize energy in the form of white/ light blue light coming from you. You are sending it out as you walk around creating the first layer of the circle.

when you have reached north again stop and pick up the rock and say **"hail element of earth Join us from the north, we ask you be here with us now, creating this circle right and true "** visualize a mist or light in the color of green spreading out from your rock. it spreads and spreads from the ground to over your head forming part of the sphere it wraps all the way around but is strongest and most vibrant at the north, and the rock.

Next walk the circle to the east. Pick up the censor and hold it up. Light the incense and say **"hail element of air. Join us from the east. We ask you be here with us now, creating this circle right and true."** watch the smoke rise and visualize it yellow in tint. See it spreading out wrapping up and over forming a dome or part of the sphere. It will cover the whole dome but be strongest at the censor and the east.

Walk the circle to the south. Pick up the red candle and hold it up. Light the candle and say "hail element of fire. Join us from the south. We ask you be here with us now, creating this circle right and true" visualize a red mist or perhaps flames, coming from the candle and spreading out over the dome and sphere, there will be a fine red mist all over the dome and a strong one around the candle.

Walk the circle to the west. Hold up the water and say "hail element of water. Join us from the west. we ask you be here with us now, creating this circle right and true." Visualize a wave of water coming from the bowl and rushing up and around the circle. Again the strongest blue will be at the west with the bowl but the wave will reach all the way around.

Walk to the center of the circle and take a moment to see it. All the elements coming from their directional home and blending to create a dome of the top part of your circle. You can then take a moment to see the elements as they are under you. Forming the dome that is below you

Walk around the circle once more starting at the north and then to the east, south and west. As you walk you either say more words specific to your circle that day or just think about your intent with this circle. You have cast the circle 3 times.

Say : "The circle is cast right and true. We are between worlds"

## **Blessing Chant**

In the name of Dryghtyn, the Ancient Providence, Who was from the beginning and is for eternity, Male and Female, the Original Source of all things; all-knowing, all-pervading, all-powerful; changeless, eternal. "In the name of the Lady of the Moon, and the Lord of Death and Resurrection. In the name of the Mighty Ones of the Four Quarters, the Spirits of the Elements. Blessed be this place, and this time, and they who are now with us.

## **Invite the Goddess and God**

Gracious Goddess, you who are the Queen of the Gods, the Lamp of Night, The Creator of all that is wild and free; the mother of all the Wicca; descend, we pray you, with your lunar shaft of power upon our circle here.

Horned One, you who are the King of the Gods; Lord of the Sun' Master of all that is wild and free; father of woman and man; lover of the Moon Goddess and protector of all the Wicca; descend, we pray you, with your solar ray of power, upon our circle here.

**state the purpose**  
**Celebrate, give thanks**

## **energy work if needed**

### **Simple feast.**

By this I summon you, O Ancient Ones.

Bless this Wine and infuse it with your limitless love.

Let it become for your children the Life-force

That flows in all things; the manifested essence of the blessed elements.

In the names of the Goddess and God, I bless this wine

O Queen most secret and Lord most powerful,

Bless these cakes unto our bodies,

Bestowing health, wealth, strength, joy and peace.

And that fulfillment of love which is perpetual happiness.

In the names of the Goddess and God, I bless these cakes.

“as we partake in this food and drink let it us take a moment to ground ourselves.”

### **Thanks to God and Goddess**

Gracious Goddess, Gracious God. You who are rulers of all that was, is and will ever be. Thank you for the many blessings. Your Lunar and Solar power has illuminated our circle filling us with love and strength. As we close this circle and leave sacred space, we do not wish you farewell, for you are always with us. Instead we turn our faces to you evermore for your love and guidance.

### **Dissolve circle.**

To end the circle you simply do the reverse. You release the elements back to their directional homes. You start at the north but walk the circle counter clockwise to the west. Turn to the west and say “Ancient spirit of water, we thank you for your presence here and bid you farewell.” Walk the circle and do this for each direction, using of course the appropriate element in its farewell. You will visualize the elements returning to their abodes.

“May the circle be open, yet unbroken, may the love of the Gods be ever in your heart. Merry meet and Merry part and Merry meet again”

If you are with a group you will want to make an announcement such as The Circle is now open please join us in the garden for the games or potluck or whatever the next activity is.

