

Brigid/Imbolc - Purification, Healing & Protection

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Prior to the ritual the area is swept (deosil) clear of negative energies with a sacred besom and the four walls, the ceiling and floor touched with purification oil. We tone the sounds for aligning and clearing our chakras and construct a veil of rainbow lights with that energy. The altar is set with white candles to be charged by Brigid's Flame.

I. **The Circle is Cast** - Joe casts Circle by invoking the elements in the Mutable Aspect (30° widdershins of the compass point) while we wait outside the entrance to the rainbow veil.

II. **Passing the Rainbow Veil** - We join hands and draw each other into the circle, passing through the Rainbow Veil. Only that which is truly of the self may pass. Move deosil until all are within the circle.

III. **Statement of Intent** - Jenn offers the Statement of Intent is given on the meaning of Brigid.

IV. **We Open the Holly Chalice**

V. **Brigid is Invoked** - Jenn invokes Brigid into Her high priestess. We welcome her with a chant:

*Brid is Come, Brid is Welcome,
Brid is Come, oh Welcome Brid*

Brigid tells a story of her healing power, the return of the Light, and of protection. The Brigid Flame is lit at Her Altar (West) with all chanting

*Holy Well and Sacred Flame
Maiden Mother and Crone
Bright One Be Here
Bright One Be Here*

VI. **Cleansing and Protection** - Brigid brings each one to the Altar, and bids them to

be cleansed (second purification) by air (incense wafted by a feather), fire (candle flame), water (spring water), (earth: a clear crystal in salt), and anoints the third eye with purification oil (spirit).

Let the Elements cleanse you and remind you of the five holy parts of self: Air-the Mind; Fire-your Soul, Water-the heart; Earth-the body; and Spirit-the Fifth Element that surrounds them all.

After cleansing, Brigid gives each of us a private audience and bids us say, aloud or not, something for ourselves which needs healing or protection. When the audience is finished, we light our white candle from Her flame and return to the

circle and continue chanting, until all have had audience.

VII. **Raising Energy** - After anointing the Chalice with the Four Elements and Spirit, Laura places it on the West Altar. We raise energy by chanting:

*We are the weavers, we are the web
We are the flow and we are the ebb*

We direct the energy into the Chalice, filling it with blue light. When the Chalice is filled, Laura takes the Chalice from the Altar and walks from person to person, holding it over their heads and bathes them in the healing energy. Brigid dips a wand of Rowan in a bowl of water from the sacred Brigid Well and sprinkles all within the circle with her blessing.

VIII. **Cakes and Ale** - We turn the Wheel of the Year deosil while chanting:

*Holy Earth Mother
Flesh of the World
Quicken and Kindle
With the Seeds of Birth*

We ground the energy raised into the cakes and ale. Joe and Peggy ask for the blessing. All partake!

IX. **We thank Brigid** for her presence and ask that her light remain with us.

X. **The Circle is Opened** - Joe dismisses Quarters in the Cardinal Aspect.

The Circle is Open, But Unbroken! Merry Meet, Merry Part, and Merry Meet Again!