

Ostara

Keepers of the Holly Chalice

March 19th, 2017

Waning Moon in Sagittarius (a banked fire in the darkness before dawn)

The celebration of the returning Spring as seen through the lens of Air and the Athame. A cauldron of dyed eggs sits on the central altar. The quarter altars are decorated with our tools, and what flowers are available. On the East altar we place sigils to empower our work. Mark leads us through a meditation of Air, Spring, and the dawn of the year.

I. Purification at the Gates

We process into the circle, singing:

*Sweet Water and Warm Sun bless us
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Oh Spring comes hope, begins in us
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Out come the leaves, up comes the grass
Oh, seeds and eggs, Oh Ostara!
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II. The Circle is Cast

Laura casts the circle with the Athame, calls to Air at each gate (Air of Air, Fire of Air, Water of Air, Earth of Air)

III. Statement of Intent

Leanne speaks our intent for this rite.

IV. Invocation of Deity

Peggy and Joe call to Ostara, Goddess of Spring and Hermes the Youth (Awakening Mind).

V. The Inspiration of Spring

Each person steps to the Gate of the East, and with athame or hand, scribes the sigil to set their path for the coming year. Then turn and pick an egg from the cauldron to plant this vision into it.

VI. The Magick is Planted

Holding our eggs, we tone and dance until the energy peaks. We pour it down onto the egg, so that our vision grows and expands. We sit in silence and allow our imaginations to flesh out our vision, and receive more ideas about how to help it come to pass.

We return to the here and now as Leanne begins the chant, and join in as we will:

*Air moves us, Fire transforms us
Water shapes us, Earth heals us
And the balance of the Wheel goes round
and round
And the balance of the Wheel goes round.*

VII. We Give Thanks

Peggy and Joe give thanks to Ostara and Hermes

VIII. The Circle is Opened

Laura close the Gates and releases the Circle.

*Merry Meet, Merry Part & Merry Meet
Again!*

Statement of Intent:

“The fresh Spring breezes blow through our minds and bring in new and exciting thoughts and possibilities. Dig deep into your soul, and pull up the dreams that you have tucked away, those yearnings long forgotten, and let them take wing in the golden light of morning. We rise together in joy, singing the praises of the new, seeing that possibilities exist that we thought were dead to us.”