Imbolc 2012

Ritual written and led by Steve (Friday 3 August 2012)



Open the quarters, god and triple goddess:

East Power of Air, Bless us with your purifying winds of inspiration and clear our minds of all that is old and tired. Hail and Welcome.

South Power of Fire, Bless us with your purifying flames of passion and clear our spirits of all that is old and tired. Hail and Welcome.

West Power of Water, Bless us with your purifying waves and cleanse our hearts and emotions of all that is old and tired. Hail and Welcome.

North, Power of Earth, Bless us with your purifying strength and clear our bodies of ill health and fatigue. Renew our strength for the coming spring. Hail and Welcome. Goddess (mother, maiden and crone together):

Blessed Brighid, Lady of all that is fresh and new. We ask that you join with us this day as we celebrate your renewal and awakening! In peace and love, Hail and welcome.

God:

Blessed God, Lord of all that is Wild and Free. We ask that you join with us this day as we come together to celebrate the day of the Lady's awakening and renewal. In peace and love, Hail and Welcome.

Ritual (mother maiden crone): The three women chosen stand around the altar, and say the following: "The Maiden comes to bring us light; the winter dies, and all is bright. The frozen ground shall disappear, and all shall sprout, for spring is near!"

Each woman takes up the symbol of her role in the ritual (the Crone takes the shawl and puts it on, the Maiden takes the bouquet of flowers, and the Mother takes the white candle).

The Mother lights her candle and steps forward, saying: "Behold the threefold Goddess, Maiden, Mother and Crone. She is one; she is three; together and alone. Summer comes not without spring; Without summer comes no winter chill; Without summer comes no winter chill; Without winter spring is not born; The three, life's cycles fulfilled. Let us celebrate Imbolc!"

Share drinks.

Meditation

Close quarters

God of the growing and wild things, We thank you for your presence in our circle, And ask you to be near us, While we are apart; Let your warmth revive us, Your love support us, And your passion inspire us all. Hail and Farewell.

Goddess of the brightening day We thank you for your presence in our circle, And ask you to be near us, While we are apart; Let your warmth revive us Your love support us And your passion inspire us all. Hail and Farewell.

North, West, South and East (the same): Thank you for your presence and strength Both here, tonight, and in our daily lives May we live in peace, with you and each other, always. Hail and Farewell. May this circle be open but unbroken May the peace of the Goddess be ever in our hearts. Merry Meet and Merry Part And Merry Meet again.





