

Midsummer/Litha

Ritual written and led by Simon Goodey*



Colours are ... Summer (red yellow, orange, vivid blue, bright green etc.)

In the anteroom write your dedication to the gods or goddess on the paper supplied.

All gather in the carpark.

Today, to celebrate Midsummer, I honor the Earth itself. I am surrounded by tall trees. There is a clear sky above me and cool dirt beneath me, and I am connected to all three. I light this fire as the Ancients did so long ago.

Start the metho Fire. start the worm wood fire. All pass through the two fires to purify ourselves. As you walk into the ritual room experience the elements that will be placed at the quarters - start with Air, fire, water and Earth.

Cast a circle with the sword - then say:

The Wheel of the Year has turned once more
The light has grown for six long months.
This is Litha, A time for celebration.
Soon the light will begin to fade
As the Wheel of the Year
Turns on and ever on.

The East, say:

From the east, the mist rolls in
Bringing rain and fog
The life-giving water without which
We would cease to be.
Hail and welcome!

The North, say:

The sun rises high in the summer sky
And lights our way even into the night
Today the sun casts three rays
The light offire upon the land, the sea, and the heavens
Hail and welcome!

The West, say:

Beneath my feet is the Earth,
Soil dark and fertile
The womb in which life begins
And will later die, then return anew.
Hail and welcome!

The South, say:

From the south comes the wind,
Cool and clear.
It brings new seeds to the garden
Bees to the pollen
And birds to the trees.
Hail and welcome!

Goddess representative Say:

Litha is a time of rededication
To the gods.
The triple goddess watches over me.
She is known by many names.
She is the Morrighan, Brighid, and Cerridwen.
She is the washer at the ford,
She is the guardian of the hearth,
She is the one who stirs the cauldron of inspiration.
Hail and Welcome

God Representative Say:

I give honor to You, O mighty ones,
By all your names, known and unknown.
Bless us with Your wisdom
And give life and abundance to us
As the sun gives life and abundance to the Earth.
Hail and welcome

The old gods embrace the new gods and pass the mantle of responsibility to the new gods.

All the gods representatives say:

We Honour this time of the year at the apex of the waxing year and the start of the waning year as the year changes the gods change.

Now is the time to make your dedication.

All Participants Say their dedication:

Followed with:

I make this offering to you
To show my allegiance
To show my honor
To show my dedication To You.

ALL make wild noise as each dedication is said out loud.

When the last dedication is made ALL make noise and dance wildly with no order allow the energy to be raised so that our dedication can be sent to the gods.

After relaxing and resting.

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ALL say:

Today, at Litha, we celebrate the life
And love of the gods
And of the Earth and Sun.

Dismantle the circle.

** This ritual is a combination of the author's original ideas and information obtained from various books and/or internet sources.*

Photos below by Janine Donnellan ...the smoke from smudging did eventually clear





