

Mists of Avalon

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Avalon

Avalon - The magical island lost in the mists, wrapped in a fog of mystery & fantasy. Where the Beltane Fires burn on May Day, the Druids play their harps & the Great Goddess is worshiped. Avalon has always been viewed as a place of wisdom, love and magic. A sort of never-ever-land. A place where only the worthy ones may enter.

Avalon was a training place, a worship place, a school, a home, a sacred island. Both young Goddess Priestesses & Young Druids would train in the Goddess Mysteries. The Lady of the Lake was the "Head-Mistress" of this magical school. She was the high priestess, the main guide to the daily living & teaching in Avalon.

It is believed that once Christianity came to Britain, Avalon slowly disappeared into the Mists. Whether these were subconscious mists in the minds of the people, or literal magical mists that protected Avalon from permanent destruction.

Some believe that Avalon itself exists on a different plane - an astral sort of plane. Some believe that Avalon is still among us, but only the worthy & wise ones know the way to it, and the key to entering it. Some believe that Avalon is like Atlantis - Lost forever. And some believe that though lost forever, Avalon still exists in our hearts.

The Ritual...

East

Oh Watchers of the East,
Ancient one of the air
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
With the power of the winds.
Come forth so mote it be

North

Oh Watchers of the North
Ancient one of the fire
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle.
With the power of the Flame.
Come forth so mote it be

West

Oh Watchers of the West,
Ancient one of the water,
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle

With the power of the tides.
Come forth so mote it be

South

Oh Watchers of the South,
Ancient one of the earth,
I call thee to come forth and protect and charge this circle
with the power of three and rock.
Come forth so mote it be

Elements:

Air - Power of Ravens, bringers of light
Fire - Power of Warriors, ours will burn bright
Water - Power of Mermaids guide our sight
Earth - Power of Herbs, ground this rite

Invocation to Vivianne:

Lady of the Apple Trees
Keeper of the Western Breeze
Vivianne come to us now

Guardian of the Sacred well
Speaker of the Healing spell
Vivianne come to us now

Lady of the Sacred Lake
Where Excaliber, She did make
Vivianne come to us now

Ruler of the fairy mound
High Priestess of Avalon, She is crowned
Vivianne, come to us now

Goddess of life, death & rebirth
Ancient One, Oh Mother Earth
Vivianne come to us now

Welcome

Invocation to Merlin:

He is the wind that gives voice to the trees
He is the Lord of Air
He is the Stag King defending does
He is the horned one
He is the mountain guarding the land
He is the Lord of Earth
He is the Green Man
He is the circle of standing stones

He is the Sentinel of Eternity
He is the fire along the blade of a sword
He is the Mage
He is the song in the strings of his harp
He is the Bard
He is All
Mighty Merlin Come to us now

Welcome

Vivianne holds aloft a crystal ball

(East) We turn to the East & open the gate and ask the Crone to tell us our fate
(North) We turn to the North & open the door and ask the mage to tell us his lore
(West) We turn to the West & open the portel and ask the Seers our future to foretell.
(South) We turn to the South and open the Way and ask the Old Ones to join us this day.

All must pass between us, the Veil of Death awaits, but the cycle of rebirth goes on & on.

Meditation on Avalon followed by spiral walk...

All must pass between us, the Veil of Life awaits, but the cycle of rebirth goes on & on.

Closing...

Goddess

All honour and love to Vivianne
High Priestess of Avalon.
She is the power behind all powers,
the Eternal Life behind death.
Hail & Farewell

God

All honour and love to Merlin
Master of all, for He is the power behind all powers,
the Eternal Life behind death.
Hail & Farewell

South

Oh Watchers of the South,
Ancient one of the earth,
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle
Hail & Farewell

West

Oh Watchers of the West,
Ancient one of the water,

Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle
Hail & Farewell

North

Oh Watchers of the North
Ancient one of the fire
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle
Hail & Farewell

East

Oh Watchers of the East,
Ancient one of the air
Thankyou for you protection and charge of this circle,
Hail & 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.



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