

Summer Solstice - 2015

Three candles, four bowls for quarter offerings, sun wheel with blessing/wishes woven into it, summer flowers.

And, Glitter.

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CUUPS folks start moving people out to the Screened Porch and set up chairs in a big open circle.

(We will not be using sage. Space has been blessed with a bit of Glitter. All is well.).

At Noon

*Vivian* as HPS, States the intent of ritual.

Acknowledging the normal pagan cycle of the year, and the Holton Eco Preserve (HEP).

Spritzing all participants with bowl of water and sprig of rosemary.

Start the cast in the North quarter, then goes around to the East, South, West, and back to North - then to the center, "Above to Below", Using the tool of their choice.

We will specify that this Circle encompasses the Screened Porch and the Holton Eco Preserve out to the Amphitheater, where the fire will be.

Call the quarters.

*(Quarter callers)*

To the North, I call the Jogah, fae of the Iroquois, we welcome your protection of our Earth..

(puts greenery in offering bowl)

To the East, I call the Yaksha, fae of the Hindu, we welcome your protection of our Air.

(puts yellow flowers in bowl)

To the South, I call the Aziza, fae of Africa, we welcome your protection of our Fires.

(puts Orange Flowers in bowl)

To the West, I call the Selkiefae of Ireland, We welcome your protection of our Water.

(puts shell in bowl)

To the Center...some one puts a bit of Glitter in the bowl, for the Fey

Inviting/Invoking Deity

Call the Oak King.

This day the Oak King of light and warmth meets his brother Holly King of cold and dark in the endless battle of the light and dark.

I call God of the light and warmth, join us. Sun, grant us your abundance of light which rains down giving life and fertility of Mother Earth. Love and protect your lady. Hail the Sun. (*light candle*)

**Singer sings/leads us in**

All chant:

“Fiery one the blazing sun,  
Llew, Llew, Llew, Llew  
Eye in the sky, shining high  
Llew, Llew, Llew, Llew”

Call Mother Earth

I call Mother Earth, The Giver of birth, life and sustains us with your bounty. May you grant us your wisdom that we may protect this land. Hail Mother Earth!  
(*Light candle*)

**Singer sings/leads us in**

All chant:

“We are one,  
With the soul,  
Of the earth,  
Mother Earth.”

**MAKE SURE TO MAKE A LOT OF NOISE WITH BELLS AND DRUMS HERE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE QUEEN’S CUE TO COME IN.**

In comes the **Queen of the Fey** in all her splendor. She will circle 3 x sun-wise, and sings,

“Where I come from there are Fairies. Fairies are everywhere,”  
Where I come from, there are Fairies. Fairies are everywhere,”  
Where I come from, there are Fairies. Fairies are everywhere,”

You can see them everywhere:

*they are what you catch in Summer at twilight, and when you put them into the jar, they turn into FireFlies. Fairies are everywhere,”*

*They are dancing under the light of the moon, and when you look, you find the mushroom Fairy rings... that is where they were... Fairies are everywhere,”*

*They are hovering over the flames of a candle, and when you look, you see smoke. Fairies are everywhere,”*

*When you are sitting in your house, and your cats begin to jump all over the tables, chasing invisible things, they are seeing fairies. Fairies are everywhere,”*

*When you look into the flowers, and something smiles back at you, that’s a fairy. Fairies are everywhere,”*

The Queen of the Fey takes the sun wheel sun wheel and leads everyone in a Procession out to the fire at the Amphitheater

**Singer sings/leads us in**

*White Coral Bells procession chant.*

*"White Coral Bells Upon a slender stalk*

*Lilies of the valley deck my garden walk*

*Oh, don't you wish that you might hear them ring?*

*That will happen only when the fairies sing."*

As they enter the Amphitheater, everyone takes a small candle

Queen: Ask the fae we have assembled, to bless the work on the land to protect and preserve it.

(Queen) Starts lighting small candles, one to the other until the last one sets fire to the sun wheel.

Sun wheel is placed in the fire

Queen: “Please, take these candles home if you wish, for your own Altar, to remind you of the blessings of this day, and the blessings of the Fey.”

**Singer Leads us/All chant:***Dance the Gift of the Summer Sun*

*“We dance the gift of the summer sun in flight*

*We turn the wheel to the passing of the light*

*Turning, turning, wheeling, burning*

*Into the dark, goodbye, goodbye.”*

Chant continues as all process back to screen room.

**Singer leads** traditional folk song,

***“Oak and Ash and Thorn.”***

Oak, Ash, and Thorn

(Words, Rudyard Kipling. Music, Peter Bellamy)

(E) Am Em Am / Am Dm Am

Am - / Am - / Am - / Am Dm Am

Of all the trees that grow so fair, old England to adorn,  
Greater are none beneath the sun than Oak, and Ash, and Thorn.

Sing Oak, and Ash, and Thorn good sirs,  
All on a midsummer's morn.  
Surely we sing of no little thing  
In Oak, and Ash, and Thorn.

Oak of the clay lived many a day o'er ever Aeneas began  
Ash of the loam was a lady at home when Brut was an outlaw man,  
And Thorn of the down saw new Troy town, from which was London born  
Witness hereby the ancient try of Oak, and Ash, and Thorn.

Sing . . .

Yew that is old, in churchyard mould, he breedeth a mighty bow  
Alder for shoes do wise men choose, and Beech for cups also  
But when you have killed, and you bowl it is filled, and your  
shoes are clean outworn  
Back you must speed for all that you need to Oak, and Ash, and Thorn

Sing . . .

Elm, she hates mankind, and waits till every gust be laid,  
To drop a limb on the head of him that anyway trusts her shade,  
But whether a lad be sober or sad, or mellow with ale from the  
horn,  
He'll taketh no wrong when he lyeth along 'neath Oak, and Ash, and  
Thorn

Sing . . .

Oh, do not tell the priestour plight, or he would call it a sin,  
But we've been out in the woods all night, a-conjuring summer in,  
And we bring you good news by word of mouth, good news for cattle  
and corn  
Now is the sun come up from the south, by Oak, and Ash, and  
Thorn.

Sing . . .

**(HPS)** Open the circle,  
I thank the Earth for her witness  
I thank the Sun for his witness,  
I thank the Fae for their protection.

May there be peace in the north, may there be peace in the west, may there be peace in the south, may there be peace in the east.

All Sing the "*May the Circle be open, but unbroken... Song*"

Fellowship to follow.