

Samhain Ritual

Supplies

Black and/or orange altar cloth(s)
Quarter candles
One white candle for the God
One black candle for the Goddess
One black candle
Cakes and Ale
Divination tool (Scrying bowl, tarot, pendulum, etc)
Normally used ritual tools
Offering Bowl or Plate
Carved Jack-o-lantern or skull(ceramic, stone, etc) on altar
Samhain Incense

Cleanse the area in preparation of the ritual as you normally would. You can mark the circle with pumpkins or other things that remind you of Samhain. A nice touch is to have a jack-o-lantern mark each quarter.

Casting the Circle

Pick up your athame and kiss the blade. Starting in the East or North you point the athame to the ground while you visualize a blue light coming from the blade to the ground. Begin to draw the circle moving deosil (clockwise). Complete this circle three times. Each time use the corresponding line and say:

First time:

"I cast this circle in order to create a sacred space."

Second time

"I cast this circle to contain the power. "

Third time

"I cast this circle as a barrier from all negative energy and spirits." So mote it be!"

Calling the Quarters

Call the quarters starting in the east:

"Hail to the Guardians of the Watchtowers of the East, element of air. I do summon, stir and call you forth that you may guard and witness me in my rites." (Draw the invoking pentagram in the air with your athame then light the quarter candle) "Hail and welcome!"

"Hail to the Guardians of the Watchtowers of the South, element of fire. I do summon, stir and call you forth that you may guard and witness me in my rites." (Draw the invoking pentagram in the air with your athame then light the quarter candle) "Hail and welcome!"

"Hail to the Guardians of the Watchtowers of the West, element of water. I do summon, stir and call you forth that you may guard and witness me in my rites." (Draw the invoking pentagram in the air with your athame then light the quarter candle) "Hail and welcome!"

*"Hail to the Guardians of the Watchtowers of the North, element of air and Guardian of the doorway between worlds. I do summon, stir and call you forth that you may guard and witness me in my rites."
(Draw the invoking pentagram in the air with your athame then light the quarter candle) "Hail and welcome!"*

Inviting the Lord and Lady.

Calling the Goddess:

"Wise Crone, Dark Lady, Dark Mother this is your time to rule. Darkness and decay begins to envelope the world and death knocks upon the door. Bring to me this night your wisdom and clarity and envelope me within your love. Challenge me to look into myself and reflect upon what I find. Dark Mother I invite you this night to join me within my circle. Hail and Welcome."

Light the Goddess candle.

Calling the God:

Light the Lords candle and say:

"Lord, though you leave me for a time, I now that you will soon return!"

Extinguish the God candle and say:

"While I mourn your passing I rejoice and await your return at Yule! Through your sacrifice I live and understand that death is a natural part of life. You show me that there is no true death for we all shall be reborn. The Wheel of Life forever turns. Hail and farewell!"

Circle Work

Read the Charge of the Crone or Dark Goddess.

Read the Charge of the God.

Bless the cakes and ale.

Light the black candle and place it near the offering bowl/plate and say:

"May this candle guide those who have passed before me. I welcome (speak their names) to this rite as long as you bear no ill will towards me. Negativity energy will be repelled for only positive energies are welcome. May this candle serve as a beacon to those loved ones who seek to be with me this night. So mote it be!"

Take a piece of the cake and dip it into the ale. Place it into the offering bowl or plate and say:

"I offer this food and drink to those who have passed before me. I offer this food and drink to my ancestors. May it please you and sustain you this night. I honor you and I remember you."

Break off a piece of the cake and eat it then drink some of the ale as you symbolic share a meal with your passed loved ones. Then sit quietly for a time and meditate and remember those who have passed.

After your meditations it is the time in which you perform divinations and attempt to speak with those who have passed. There is no time limit on this part. Take as much time as you wish.

If you have results in your divinations then break off another piece of cake and dip it into the ale. Place it with the previous offering and say:

"I thank you for your company and speaking with me. I offer you more food and drink. May it please you and sustain you this night! Blessed be!"

Wait silently for a short period of time and when you feel it is time then say farewell to the ancestors:

"To those who have passed that I love. I thank you for joining me and I bid you farewell as you journey back the Land of the Dead. Go in peace. Hail and farewell!"

Farewell to the Goddess

Face altar and say:

"Dark Mother, Wise Crone, I thank you for being here with me tonight and sharing your wisdom. Stay if you wish, go if you must. Hail and farewell!"

Extinguish the flame

Dismissing the Guardians

Face the north. Using your athame draw the banishing pentagram while saying:

"Guardian of the Watchtower of the North, element of earth and Guardians of the gateway between worlds. I thank you for your presence here this evening. Go in power. Hail and farewell." Extinguish the flame on the quarter candle.

Face the west. Using your athame draw the banishing pentagram while saying:

"Guardian of the Watchtower of the west, element of water. I thank you for your presence here this evening. Go in power. Hail and farewell." Extinguish the flame on the quarter candle.

Face the south. Using your athame draw the banishing pentagram while saying:

"Guardian of the Watchtower of the south, element of fire. I thank you for your presence here this evening. Go in power. Hail and farewell." Extinguish the flame on the quarter candle.

Face the east. Using your athame draw the banishing pentagram while saying:

"Guardian of the Watchtower of the East, element of air. I thank you for your presence here this evening. Go in power. Hail and farewell." Extinguish the flame on the quarter candle.

Visualize the circle you had drawn slowly melting away into the earth. Once it is gone the circle is open and the ritual is done. Before leaving the area make sure you ground and center. Take the remaining cakes and ale and offer them to the Goddess. Pour the ale onto the ground and leave the cake on the ground and say a prayer of offering to the Goddess.

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