



Sample Ritual Layout

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Circle Casting Coven Ritual

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- * **Ritual Bath**
- * **Altar setup**
- * **Purify area & smudge**
- * **Silver Candle Goddess- Gold Candle God**
- * **4 Quarter Candles or Representations of Watchtowers**

Cast the Circle:

**Priestess walks the circle deosil (clockwise 3x) and says:*

**Priestess: I cast this circle in an unbroken fashion,
To us, it is a symbol of protection.
It's the sign of true magickal connections,
Between us and the etherical divisions,
I consecrate this space by the creation of this circle.
As above; So below. The circle is now cast.**

- *Priestess returns to altar. Priest proceeds deosil to the East.*
 - *Priest cuts doorway W/ athame, anointing & smudging each convener as they enter.*
 - *Priest seals doorway back.*
 - * Each convener walks deosil (clockwise) to their places.*
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Quarter (Airts) Calls:

Convener1: East:

O great guardian of the Eastern gate, I bid you welcome to my circle tonight.
Please protect me in my magickal rites as I Illuminate this yellow light.
(Light the candle)

Convener2: South:

O great guardian of the Southern gate, I bid you welcome to my circle tonight.
Please protect me in my magickal rites as I Illuminate this red light.
(Light the candle)

Convener3: West:

O great guardian of the Western gate, I bid you welcome to my circle tonight.
Please protect me in my magickal rites as I Illuminate this blue light.
(Light the candle)

Convener4: North:

O great guardian of the Western gate, I bid you welcome to my circle tonight.
Please protect me in my magickal rites as I Illuminate this green light.
(Light the candle)

Calling the God/Goddess:

HPS: I call upon the great Goddess (insert your deities name), Lady of ancient wisdom and power, to join me in this darkest hour.

HP: I call upon the mighty God (insert your deities name), Lord of the hunt and keeper of the forest. Join me in this witching hour.

**Light the goddess candle first, and then light the God candle.
The Goddess candle goes on the left side of altar. The God candle goes on the right side.
You may change any part of the ritual as it was meant to be a sample to help you to know how.*

State your intent:

At this point you would declare to the Lord and Lady the purpose of the ritual you are about to do. For example, if this were a Sabbat, you would say something about the season and the Wheel of the Year turning. Or if it was to do healing, a particular spell, a full moon rite, etc, you would state that. In short, you need to make it clear what the intent of the ritual is, and this needs to be in your own words.

Esbat Rite/ Sabbat Rite/ Magickal Working

Insert whatever rite the occasion calls for in this part of the ritual.

If it is a Full Moon, you would Draw Down the Moon then perform any magick or healing work.

You might want to try scrying in your mirror if you have one. Full Moons are a good time to scry and do divinations.

Cakes and Ale:

HP or HPS: I am thankful for all that the God and Goddess has bestowed upon me.

I take the offering as a token of remembrance of what they have done for me.

I give to them an offering of appreciation for everything I have now and will have in the seasons to come.

Blessed Be.

- Share cakes and ale with the Deities
- Take a little bite of the cakes and a sip of the drink.
- Share with other Conveners

Releasing the God/Goddess:

HPS: Great Goddess (insert your deities name), Lady of ancient wisdom and power, I thank thee for joining me tonight and blessing me with your love and wisdom.

HP: Oh mighty God (insert your deities name), Lord of the hunt and keeper of the forest. Thank you for joining me and blessing me with your knowledge and power.

(Snuff candles out)

Quarter Release:

I prefer widdershins to release the Quarters. Some will say just do them in same order. Do not blow out the candles. Use a candle snuffer or your fingers (spit in them!).

Covener1: North: O great guardian of the Eastern gate, I thank you for attending this circle tonight. Farewell and go in peace.

Covener2: West: O great guardian of the Eastern gate, I thank you for attending this circle tonight. Farewell and go in peace.

Covener3: South: O great guardian of the Eastern gate, I thank you for attending this circle tonight. Farewell and go in peace.

Covener4: East: O great guardian of the Eastern gate, I thank you for attending this circle tonight. Farewell and go in peace.

Release the Circle:

HP or HPS: I now release this sacred circle in that it has protected me completely within its

power. I thank guardians for lending their protection from outside influences. I thank the lord and lady for attending this rite.

All shall go in perfect love and perfect trust. The circle has now been cleared and opened. Hail and farewell.

I would highly recommend going outside and grounding yourself by putting your hands on the ground and visualizing the energy that has been built up during your ritual.

Let it flow back into the Earth and return it to her.

The cakes and ale will help to ground you. Although it might not be enough to

Completely ground you. You may feel drained after doing a long ritual anyway.

You may want to also pour out any remaining offerings to the gods. The animals may

Thank you for a piece of bread.

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