



Sample Ritual Layout

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Suggested Items Needed:

Quarter Candles (coordinated colors) North (Brown ,Green) South(Red) East (yellow)
West (blue)

An altar or tree stump, small round table...

Incense and a burner (Sandalwood is a great all-purpose)

A chalice or cup

Salt or earth (dirt)

A small Cauldron (or heat proof container)

Two altar candles; they can be Silver for the Goddess and Gold for the God.

A libation dish for indoors

Cakes and Ale (you may substitute with bread and juice)

An athame and or wand, staff, sword, pointer finger, etc...

Small pentacle if desired

Preparation & Setup:

A ritual bath and meditation is always a good idea to do before rituals.

If you have a ritual robe, robe up and get ready!

Most people will agree to face the altar in the North and start in the East.

It is a good idea to cleanse the area before performing a ritual indoors.

Outside cleansing isn't really necessary but feel free to do so if you want to.

Smudging yourself and others involved in the circle is very good idea... as you don't want to drag anything negative into your sacred circle. Set up your altar with the tools you will need to perform the ritual. Try not to break the circle once it is cast. First thing you may want to do, is light your charcoal brick and get incense going.

Casting the Circle:

*Walk a circle deosil (clockwise) and while using your athame or pointer finger, project a strong protective imaginative circle on the ground before you.

You can also do a power raising chant as you do this circle if you wish.

Alternatively, you may use a white cord for your circle around you.

You might say something like this:

**“I cast this circle in an unbroken fashion,
To me it is a symbol of my protection.
It is the sign of a true magickal connection,
Between me and the ethereal divisions,
I consecrate this space by the creation of my circle.
As above, so below. So mote it be”**

Quarter Calls:

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)

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)

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)

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:

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

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 skyring in your mirror if you have one. Full Moons are a good time to.

Cakes and Ale:

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.

* Take a little bite of the cakes and a sip of the drink. Then give the rest as an offering.

Releasing the God/Goddess:

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.

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)

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!).

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

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

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

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

Release the Circle:

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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