

Cottonwood Star Circle

Ritual preparation

- *Set up ritual space*
- *Gather in or out of the circle and do stone sharing circle*

Dedication & Opening

Sweep circle and lay down the cord and/or broom. Bring coveners into the circle

Establish meeting place & do opening dedication

In the name of that Ancient Presence
That was from the beginning and shall be to all Eternity,
Male and female, all powerful, all knowing, and present everywhere
In the name of the Horn of the Night and Altar of Light
And in the names of the four Mighty Ones, rulers of the Directions
May power and blessing descend upon this place, this time, and those who are with us.

Light candle

Holy art thou, Weavers of the Universe;
Holy art thou, Whom nature hast not formed
Holy art thou, the vast and Mighty Ones,
Horn of the Night, Altar of Light

Light rest of the candles

Consecrating the Elements

Incense

We bless and consecrate thee, O Creatures of Fire and Air for the dispelling of all ill and we recognize thee as both destroyer and life-giver; the source of transformation and aspiration.

Water

We bless and purify thee, O creature of Water for the dispelling of all ill.
And we recognize thee as healer and purifier; Source of all life and as the tides of the Moon

Stone

I bless and consecrate thee, O creature of Stone for the dispelling of all ill.

And we recognize thee as the first tool of humans; Source of ancient wisdom and the altar of the sacred Earth.

Add stone to water and touch scourge

But ever are we mindful that though Water and Earth purify the body,
The scourge purifies the soul.

Self Blessing

Visualize ocean and moon and the Goddess' blessing

Bless me Mother, for I am thy child;
Bless my eyes, that wherever they may look, they see only thee;
Bless my lips that I may speak only of thee;
Bless my heart which is thy temple and thy shrine;
Bless my eros (womb/phallus) without which we would not be;
Bless my knees that shall kneel at thy sacred altar;
Bless my feet which have brought me in they ways

The Circle

Cast the circle :

I conjure this circle and call upon it to be a liminal threshold between the realms; a sacred meeting place of love and joy and truth that shall contain and protect all within its boundaries. Let all who enter, enter in love. Let all who leave, leave in peace. In the names of Cernunnos and Aradia, the circle is cast.

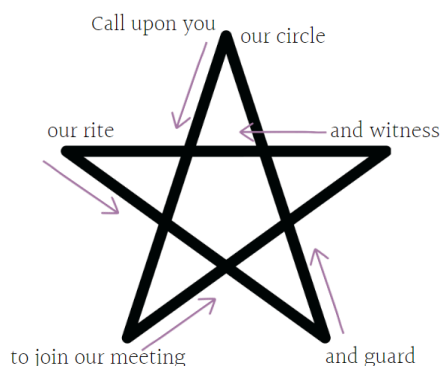
Lay sword across the threshold or at altar

Passing through the Elements

Consecrate participants then circle (use either sprinkling or sigil); Incense/Water

Calling the Quarters

Ring bell, open arms, then speak:



Hear Ye O Mighty Ones, Guardian of the (*direction*), I [...] Priestess and Witch, do call upon you to join our meeting to witness our rite and to guard our circle. We bid thee hail (kiss) and welcome!

Northern Celestial (everyone raises arms and follows gestures, only circle caster speaks)

Oh thou Mighty Ones, Lodestars of the Cosmos, Open the celestial gates, that *Altar of Light* and *Horn of Night* may enter herein. O thou Loving Aradia (*Goddess*), O thou Mighty Cernunnos (*God*) We gather before you to celebrate [...]. Hail, and welcome.

Cone of Power

One of the e ways to the Center (or combination)

Circle Chant

EKO EKO AZARAK! EKO, EKO ZAMELAK!
EKO, EKO KERNUNNOS! EKO, EKO ARADIA!
BAGABI LACHA BACHABE;
LAMAC CAHI ACHABABA, KARELLYOS!
LAMAC LAMAC BACHALYAS;
CABAHAGY SABALYAS, BARYOLAS!
LAGOS ATHA CABYOLAS;
SAMAHAC ATHA FEMYOLAS
HARRAHIA! HARRAHIA! HARRAHIA!

Witches Rune

Darksome Night, shining Moon, Hearken to the Witches Rune. East then South, West then North, Here we come to call thee forth. By all the Powers of Land and Sea, Be obedient unto me. Wand and Pentacle and Sword, Hearken ye unto my word.

Cords and Censer, Scourge and Knife, Waken all ye into Life. Powers of the Witches Blade, Come ye as the Charge is made (x2).

Queen of Heaven, Queen of Hell, Send your aid unto our Spell.

Horned Hunter of the Night, Work our will by magic rite. By all the Powers of Land and Sea, As I say, "So Mote It Be!" By all the Might of Moon and Sun, As I do will, It shall be done! (x2)

EKO, EKO AZARAK! EKO, EKO ZAMILAK!

EKO, EKO KERNNUNOS

EKO, EKO ARADIA.

HARRAHIA! HARRAHIA! HARRAHIA!

Main Ritual Work

Includes seasonal musings, drawing down, magical working (related to the season or transition into full moon magics)

Drawing Down

Drawing Down the Moon

Five fold kiss (with wand): feet, knees, genitals, chest, lips

We invoke thee and call upon thee Aradia, Oh Mighty Mother of us all
We invoke thee to descend upon the body of thy servant and High Priest(ess).
Here, speak with their tongue, touch with their hands.
Kiss with their lips that thy servants may be fulfilled.

Draw wand down to feet. Crown & invoker bows

Aradia's Charge

Start arms crossed at chest: Osiris position

All ye assembled at mine shrine, Mother Darksome and Divine. Mine the Scourge and
mine the Kiss, Here I charge you in this sign.

Earth invoking pentagram and stand with arms out - everyone bows when she says Bow before my Spirit Bright

All ye assembled in my sight, Bow before my Spirit Bright.

Aphrodita, Arionrhod, Lover of the Horned God,
Mighty queen of Witchery and Night,
Morgan, Etoine, Niscene, Diana, Bridgid, Melusine.
I am named of old by men, Artemis and Cerridwen,
Hell's dark Mistress, Heaven's Queen.

Ye who would ask of me a rune, Or who would ask of me a boon,
Meet me in some secret glade, Dance my round in greenwood shade,
By the light of the Full Moon. In a place wild and lone,
Dance about mine altar stone; Work my holy Mystery.

Ye who are feign to sorcery, I bring ye secrets yet unknown,
No more shall ye know slavery, Who give true worship unto me.

Ye who tread my round on Sabbat Night, Come ye all naked to the rite,
In token that ye be really free.

I teach yet the Mystery of Rebirth, Work ye my Mysteries in Mirth,
Heart joined to heart, and lip to lip, Five are the points of fellowship,
That bring ye ecstasy on Earth, For I am the Circle of Rebirth.

I ask no sacrifice, but do bow, No other law but love I know,
By naught by love may I be known.

All things living are mine own, From me they come, to me they go
Coveners circle/bow: Blessed Be Lady

Drawing Down the Sun

Five fold kiss (with wand): feet, knees, genitals, chest, lips

We invoke thee Cernunnos, Mighty Father of us all,
And call upon thee to descend into the body of this thy servant and High Priest(ess).
Here, speak with their tongue, touch with their lips,
That thy servants may be fulfilled!
Descend, Descend, Descend

Crowned by invoker, all bow

Cernunnos' Charge

Arms crossed at chest: Osiris position

Listen to the words of the Horned God, the Guardian of all things wild and free,
Keeper of the Gates of Death, whose Call all must answer:

I am the fire within your heart. The yearning of your Soul. I am the Hunter of Knowledge
and the Seeker of the Holy Quest.

I, who stand in the darkness of light, whom you have called Death, call forth to thee.
Heed my call beloved ones, come unto me and learn the secrets of death and peace. I
am the corn at harvest and the fruit on the trees. I will lead you home.

Scourge and Flame, Blade and Blood - these are mine and gifts to thee. Call unto me in
the forest wild, on hilltop bare and seek me in the Darkness Bright.

I, who have been called Pan, Herne, Osiris, and Hades, speak to thee in thy search.
Come dance and sing; come live and smile, for behold: this is my worship.

Thou who thinks to seek me, know that I am the untamed wind, the fury of storm and
passion in your Soul. Seek me with pride and humility, but seek me best with love and
strength.

For this is my path and all things are sacred unto me

Coveners circle/bow: Blessed Be Lord

Cakes and wine

Wine

Lunar: As the cup is to the beloved, so the athame is to the lover.

Solar: And together they bring eternal blessedness.

(Optional) Hand chalices to participants and pour wine: I fill your cup with love

Cakes

Solar: Oh Queen most Secret, bless these cakes unto our bodies and minds; bestowing health, wealth, peace, joy, strength, and that fulfillment of love which is perpetual happiness.

Lunar: *pentagram + equal arm cross*

Closing

Ring the bell, project mental pentagram. Afterwards lower head:

Hear Ye O Mighty Ones, Guardians of the (direction),

(Start Pentagram bottom left) we thank you for your attendance *(top of pentagram)*

And before *(bottom right)*

you depart *(top left)*

to your own lovely realms *(top right)*

we bid you *(bottom left of pentagram)*

Hail *(kiss)* and Farewell.

Northern Celestial

(only circle caster) Oh thou Loving *Aradia* (Goddess -, oh thou Mighty *Cernunnos*, Horn of the Night, Altar of Light; we thank you for joining us tonight and ask that you remain within us, in every atom, in every cell. From the unreal lead us to the real, from darkness to light, from death to immortality.

(All) And blessed be our Great Mother, without beginning, without end, everlasting to eternity! EVOE IO! EVOE HE! EVOE IO! EVOE HE! EVOE IO! EVOE HE! Blessed Be!

Closing Dedication of Merit

Extinguish candles, cut circle open in the NE.

(optional, said by all) By the merit of this practice may we quickly complete *Aradia's*

(Goddess or God descent) journey. And returning immediately, come to lead all her children, plants, humans, animals and all others to the feet of the *Wise and Oldest of Beings*. So mote it be.