

Casting A Circle

We Need Volunteers: **Water Bearer**, **Salt Bearer**, **Candle Bearer**, **Athame Bearer**, **Bearer of The Secrets (BOS)**, **Bell Bearer**

Everyone starts outside the circle in the North East.

The chosen helpers take the salt (Earth), the smelly candle (Fire and Air - to replace incense inside), and the water (self representative) around the circle Deosil (clockwise) ... One of us will also take the group Athame, one the bell (clapper muffled), and one will take our BOS. We'll start in the north and make our way round... we will complete a circle north to north and then go back to the east point before coming back to the altar. These Items will be returned to the altar once complete...

Athame Bearer will take the athame and place the tip in the salt, saying -

Bright Blessings be upon thee, element of earth, all malignity and hindrance be gone from thee.

Athame Bearer will move to the water, taking the tip and dipping it into the water they will say -

Bright Blessings be upon thee, element of water, all malignity and hindrance be gone from thee.

The Candle Bearer will light the smelly candle as the athame is held over it... the **Candle Bearer** will say -

Bright Blessings be upon thee, elements of fire and air, all malignity and hindrance be gone from thee.

The **Salt Bearer** tips the salt into the water - the **Athame Bearer** holds the tip of the athame in the water and stirs 3 times Deosil (clockwise)

The Salt Bearer, **Water Bearer**, and **Athame Bearer** together say -

Combined, you create a blessing and a barrier. You will aid in guarding us all, and protecting our circle.

The salt- water will then be carried around the circle followed by the raised athame, the water is sprinkled as it goes... North to north... then it will be taken to the group and sprinkled on each member as they enter.

The Athame is held over each member's head as they enter.

As the water is sprinkled on each member, the **Water Bearer** and the member will say -

Water Bearer - Hail and welcome, fellow witch.

Member - Hail and welcome.

All members will now be inside the circle... the calling of the corners will begin.

The **Bell Bearer** here will unclog the bell and ring it once, saying...

Bright Blessings be upon you, spirits of old and new... our ancient and wise ancestors - we ring this bell to call you forth... hail and welcome.

All members repeat: **Hail and welcome.**

ALL STAND and move to face the altar in the north... **ALL SAY** -

**Bright Blessings to the guardians and spirits of the north.
Element of Earth.**

We call you forth to guide our magic and guard our circle.

As we say this we draw the invoking pentagram in the air. We do it in reverse now, as it is to be seen from outside the circle. If you know it, do so, if not, follow the coven.



We bow as we say - Hail and Welcome.

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We repeat these steps for each cardinal direction -

**Bright Blessings to the guardians and spirits of the East, Elements of Air.
We call you forth to guide our magic and guard our circle.**

We bow as we say - Hail and Welcome.

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**Bright Blessings to the guardians and spirits of the South, Element of Fire.
We call you forth to guide our magic and guard our circle.**

We bow as we say - Hail and Welcome.

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**Bright Blessings to the guardians and spirits of the West, Element of Water.
We call you forth to guide our magic and guard our circle.**

We bow as we say - Hail and Welcome.

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