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## Blessing of the Elements

Warder chimes the bell 3 times

HPS - The Temple is about to be erected. Pray all be silent while the circle is purified.

Quarters take up their element symbols - salute the Sky, return to their positions, salute once more, then walk around the circle in purification.

Maiden Mom begins saying the lines, walking with Maiden Daughter as she sweeps widdershins: -All things which evil or malignant be, know this place is not for thee. Be thou gone, depart from me, and by my will so Mote it be!

They reverse direction, moving deosil: Red Spirits and Black, White Spirits and Grey. Come ye, come ye come who may. Around and about, throughin and throughout, the Good stay in and the ill KEEP OUT!

### Calling Quarters

( Maiden takes Elements around the circle)

HPS - Element of Air we invoke thee into our circle.

Gentle breezes, tickle our minds with wonder and curiosity,  
gusting winds, inspire our thoughts with clarity,  
crystalline air, give us clear sight and understanding,  
great sky of stars, spark our imaginations

HP - Element of Fire we invoke thee into our circle,  
warmth of the hearth give energy to our bodies,  
light of the sun, give life to our lands,  
flame of faith, illuminate our souls,  
blazing forge, transform in accord with our will.

HPS - Element of Water, we invoke thee into our circle.  
Deep streams of meaning, flow through our lives,  
cleansing rains, fill our cups with love and peace  
crested waves, give us passion for our works  
Great Mother Ocean, rock us in your loving arms.

HP - Element of Earth, we invoke thee into our circle.  
Soaring mountains of wonder may we share in your strength,  
fertile fields of grain enrich our bodies,  
ancient forests bring wisdom to our lives  
vast stretches of sand give us the count of our gifts from the gods.

HP Casts the Circle:

I cast this circle, woven in light and mist, as a place of protection,  
Surrounded by shields of Spirit and guarded by the Ancient ones.  
Naught but love shall enter, and naught but love shall emerge.  
Sphere be blessed, circle be consecrated - so mote it be!

MD - The temple is warded, blessed and sealed. The union of the  
elements brings spirit to the circle. Let the rite begin.

HPS - Before we begin our working I must ask you this question:  
Is there peace on the circle? (3x) Very well, then. If anyone needs to  
leave before we have concluded, we ask that you go to the Maiden  
who will make an opening in the circle for you. Please do not break  
the circle!

HP - We gather here today to honor and celebrate the elements.  
Earth, air, fire, water, and the union of their energies and ours - Spirit.  
HPS - As the Maiden goes around the circle, she will carry an image  
that represents each of these elements. Gaze upon them and  
meditate upon their meanings.

(MD begins in the East with the Air collage, and goes slowly around  
the circle.)

HP & HPS speak words that represent each element as it makes the  
rounds:

Air-East-incense- beginnings-creativity-thought-imagination-breath-  
dawn-new moon-spring-vision-clarity-discovery-curiosity-  
enlightenment-etc.

Fire-South-summer-flame-exploration-transformation-physical change-  
power-drive-force-action-energy-excitement-enthusiasm-waxing moon

Water-west-autumn-chalice-emotion-twilight-river-ocean -full moon-  
reflection-meaning-healing-rain-tides-blood-movement-depth

Earth- north- winter-salt-night-forest-cavern- manifestation- strength-  
stability-wisdom-sustenance-nurturing-tangible-protection

Spirit-consciousness-soul-mystery-harmony-synergy-heart-silence-  
stillness-union-beauty-understanding-cosmos-balance

HPS - Now, remembering these energies that each of the elements  
posses, we will ask them to bless each bowl of beads we have here,  
beginning with Air. Please help us if you will - Visualize these beads  
absorbing the energy of each element as we hold them up in each of  
the directions:

(HPS & HP take turns holding up beads in corresponding quarters)

HPS - Guardians fo the East, powers of Air, we ask that you bestow  
your blessings upon these beads =

Infuse them (HPS) with inspiration -

HP - with creativity

MD - with clarity

ALL - so mote it be!

HP- Guardians of the South, powers of Fire, we ask that you bestow  
your blessings upon these beads=

Infuse them (HPS) with action and energy -

(HP) with power and drive

(MD)with transformation

-(ALL) so mote it be!

HPS- Guardians of the West, powers of Water, we ask that you bestow  
your blessings upon these beads=

Infuse them(HPS)- with depth and meaning

(HP)with love and healing

(MD)with peace and comfort

(All) - so mote it be!

HP- Guardians of the North, powers of Earth, we ask that you bestow  
your blessings upon these beads=

infuse them (HPS) with strength and stability

(HP) with tradition and wisdom

(MD)with nurturing and protection

all - so mote it be

HPS - Element of Spirit, the power that is within us, around us, above and below us, we ask that you bestow your blessings upon these beads

Infuse them with (HPS) silence and mystery

(HP)with balance and synergy

(MD)with beauty and perfection

all - So mote it be!

HP - These beads have now been blessed by the energy of the elements. We offer them to you as a gift of understanding and a celebration of the connections we share with each other, the elements, and all other beings on earth.

HP, HPS, MD, (Pete & Deb?) - pass beads to everyone, each beginning in the quarter of the bead they hold, and Spirit wherever it wants!

As we then begin the chant -

Air I am, Fire I am, Water, Earth, and Spirit I am...

HPS - We are honored that you have asked us to be here and to share our faith with you. May there be peace and understanding between us always. It is time now to release the Elements and open the circle:

HPS: The dance is done, the songs are sung

HP: Our promise is kept, O Ancient Ones

HPS: Our Thanks and Blessings go with Thee

HP: Farewell we bid you. Blessed Be!

MD: The rite is done. Undo the circle. Begin at the end and end at the beginning. (She then picks up the Earth element symbol)

HP: Element of Earth we thank you for the wealth you have provided us. Go back to your realms with our blessings in peace - hail & farewell

HPS: Element of Water, we thank you for the meaning you have brought to us. Go back to your realms with our blessings in peace hail & farewell

HP: Element of Fire, we thank you for the fires you have kindled within

us. Go Back to your realms with our blessings in peace  
hail and farewell

HPS: Element of air we thank you for your inspiration & vision. Go  
back to your realms with our blessings in peace  
hail & farewell.

HP: The circle is open, but never broken. Merry meet, merry part, and  
merry meet again. May the Gods preserve the Craft as the Craft  
preserves the Gods!

Final Grounding:

Oh Spirits whom this circle has drawn  
we thank you and ask that you now be gone  
go back to your realms with our blessings in peace  
as we do will so mote it be  
with points drawn down we make the slash  
each to their own, from first to last!