

Main Ritual: The Crossroads and the Omphalos

The Ritual's Purpose

Together we travel to the crossroads and the center of all things. There we seek guidance and empowerment as we seek to mend the worlds within and without.

I. Entrance

Pass through the Sphinx Gate and be purified. Enter and form concentric circles or take a seat, led by the heralds.

II. Sealing the Ritual Space

The ritual space is sealed against physical or spiritual intrusion or interruption.

III. Creating the Container

Hear the invitations, the acknowledgments and calls, and answer each with: **The Way is open!**

We chant:

Endless eternal, Powers of the Night
Endless eternal, Powers of the Day
Endless eternal, by Dusk and by Dawn
Come to us now, come to us now
We who live in time
We who live and die
We who live in time
We who cross the veil
We who live in time
Are here and are there
Flow through us now,
Flow through us now

IV. The Power of the Star

Love, Truth, Honor, Courage, and Beauty mark the points of the pentacle and are anchored by people. Listen to these embodied principles and claim them as your own. As the huge pentacle is scribed across the floor of the ritual space, softly drone/sing: **Enliven These in Me.**

V. The Four Create The Crossroads

The Four Monarchs of the Elements and the Anchors of the World speak from their places. They speak as Monarchs of their Realms, asking us to pledge connection with and protection of their Element. Each pledge ends with: **So Mote It Be!**

VI. Accepting the Power of the Crossroads

Prepare yourself to receive the four-fold power. After each invocation say: **I Gather Up the Powers of the (Direction) and Invest Them in Myself.**

We all free form tone together after each invocation.

VII. The Power of Three

The Three Rays and the Three Streams of Body, Mind, and Spirit are called. The power is circulated, then sent to the central altar, the Omphalos. We chant:

Blood of my blood
Stream of life—flow in me
Soul of my soul
Stream of love—flow in me
Spark of my spark
Stream of light— flow in me
Stream through eternity
Stream through eternity

VIII. The Divine Dialogue

The singing bowls sound and all fall silent. Everyone communes with Higher Self, God/dess/es, whatever, as individuals in silence.

IX. The Omphalos

Look upon the Center, the Omphalos, the Hidden Light, the Wellspring, the Source, and complete the circuit of Above and Below. We chant/tone:

I Am, I Am, I Am...

If you are moved to do so, heralds will guide you to walk near the Omphalos. If not stay where you are. When the energy peaks, when the chant grows faster and louder.

X. Claiming Your Crown

We are called to find our people, our paths, our work, and our joy. We call for blessings on our way. We chant:

Blessed be, you Gods and Mortals,
Blessed be, you Inner Fire.
Blessed be, you Crown of Brightness.
Blessed be, you Heart's Desire.

Counterpoint:

We were waiting for a Turning,
Then we saw it was our lives
When our hearts with flame are burning,
Like the sun in flight, we rise!

The chant ends, and we transition to drumming and dancing in celebration. We end with **We Give Thanks** three times.

XI. Releasing, Unsealing, Departing

The energetic container is released, and the room is unsealed. The drums sound. Heralds assist and lead us out to the post-ritual refreshments.