



A Ritual For The Stag God Cernunnos



I. Procession & Purification

Be cleansed by salt water and incense. Listen to the song that is sung at the Gate (Bright Sun, Dark Death).

II. The Circle Is Cast

The Powers of the 4 Directions are called by the Three Priestesses of the Maiden, Mother, & Crone, and we move between the worlds.

III. Cernunnos Is Invoked

Three Priestesses call him forth in the name of the Maiden, Mother, & Crone. Then we chant:

Cer-nu-noh-oh-oh-oh-os
Stag horned hunter,
hunted one
Join us now.

Cer-nu-noh-oh-oh-oh-os
Greenwood Lord of
Life and Death
Join us now.

Cer-nu-noh-oh-oh-oh-os
Herne and Pan
And every man
Join us now.

IV. Cernunnos Speaks

He who is the Lord of the Animals speaks to us of our place on this Earth. He calls the animal spirits into circle with a song done as a call and response:

Animal Spirits
Come To Me Now

Vanishing Spirits
Come Live In Me

When I Run
Let Me Run Like
The Deer

When I Fight
Let Me Fight Like
A Mama Bear

When I Hide
Let Me Hide Like
A Fox

Learn To Strike
Like A Rattlesnake

V. Lord Of The Dance

Drumming begins and the Animal Dancers come forth.

We all chant:

lo, lo, lo, Oh Evohe

Dance with the animal spirits if you are moved to do so. Watch the Herald. When the energy peaks, Cernunnos signals the drummer to bring the Dance to a close.

VI. All The Levels Are Holy

Cernunnos speaks to us about our role as keepers of the Earth. He reminds us that all the levels of being are holy.

Then we move slowly in concentric circles while chanting:

There's A Part Of
The Sun In An Apple.

There's A Part Of
The Moon In A Rose.

A Part Of The
Flaming Pleiades
In Every Leaf
That Grows.

Cernunnos brings us to conclusion, silence, and he departs.

VII. The Powers Are Thanked

The Three Priestesses thank all the presences seen and unseen that have gathered for this rite.

VIII. The Circle Is Open

The Circle is dismissed, we sing:

The Circle Is Open,
But Unbroken.
May The Love
Of The Old Ones
Be Ever In Our Hearts.
Merry Meet,
And Merry Part,
And Merry Meet Again

Please Ground & Center!

