

All enter from south in order: Druid & Druidess, Lisa & Ivan, Claire, East, North, West, South. Druid & Druidess lead procession clockwise. Lisa, Ivan, and Claire remain at east. Directions stop at designated positions. Others complete a full circuit to south. Druid and Druidess proceed to center of circle. Druid takes position to north of alter; druidess to the south.

Druid: Let the powers attend as we open this ceremony of union. The first duty of you assembled is to proclaim peace to the four corners of the world, for without peace our work cannot proceed.

Druidess: Let the Four directions be honored that power and radiance might enter our circle for the good of all beings.

East: With the blessing of the hawk of dawn soaring in the clear pure air, we call upon the powers of the East. May the four winds blow sweet upon this day. Let this circle be purified with air.

East carries incense clockwise around circle.

I proclaim peace in the east.

South: With the blessing of the great stag and the inner warmth of the sun, we call upon the powers of the South. May the warmth of all our hearts light up this day. Let this circle be purified with fire.

South carries candle clockwise around circle.

I proclaim peace in the south.

West: With the blessing of the salmon, we call upon the powers of the West. May all the waters of the world lay their blessing on this day. Let this circle be purified with water.

West carries water clockwise around circle.

I proclaim peace in the west.

North: With the blessing of the great bear of the starry heavens and the deep and fruitful earth, we call upon the powers of the North. May our beloved ones be welcomed by the earth beneath our feet. Let this circle be purified with earth.

North carries earth clockwise around circle.

I proclaim peace in the north.

Druid: May the harmony of our circle be complete. The four quarters are at peace.

Druidess: We stand upon this Holy Earth and in the Face of Heaven to witness the Sacred Rite of Marriage between Ivan and Lisa. Just as we come together as family and friends so we ask for the Great Powers to be present here within our Circle. May this Sacred Union be filled with their Holy Presence.

Pause

Druid: Within every Masculine nature lies the Feminine, within every Feminine nature lies the Masculine. The interplay of Masculine and Feminine forces when flowing freely in a union based upon true Love finds many expressions. This union is truly Holy.

Druidess: Grant, O Spirit, thy protection;
And in protection, strength;
And in strength, understanding;
And in understanding, knowledge;
And in knowledge, the knowledge of justice;
And in the knowledge of justice, the love of it;
And in that love, the love of all existences;
And in the love of all existences, the love of
Earth our mother and all goodness.

Druid: Who walks the Path of the Moon to stand before Heaven and declare her Sacred Vows?

Lisa steps forward.

Do you, Lisa, come to this place of your own free will?

Lisa: I do.

Druid: Who walks the Path of the Sun to stand before Heaven and declare his Sacred Vows?

Ivan steps forward.

Do you, Ivan, come to this place of your own free will?

Ivan: I do.

Both walk the paths of the Sun and Moon (clockwise and anti-clockwise) around the circle, returning to the East.

Druidess: Do you promise to be as honest and loving as two children, to share each other's joys and sorrows and never lose hope?

Couple: We do.

Druid: Do you promise to think of each other first, and to give freely of your love to each other, without asking a price?

Couple: We do.

Druidess: Do you promise to stay together through thick and thin, promising love for the long road and not simply the easy path?

Couple: We do.

Druid: The ivy cannot stand without the tree, yet it takes nothing from the tree. It is neither parasite nor stranger, but enwraps the tree in its living embrace. Do you promise to embrace each other like the ivy, yet each have your own root and sustenance, supporting each other like the trees?

Couple: We do.

Druidess: Ivan and Lisa, you have walked the Circles of the Sun and Moon. Will you now walk together the Circle of Time, travelling through the Elements and the Seasons?

Couple: We will

Walk hand in hand to South.

South: Will your love survive the harsh fires of change?

Couple: It will.

South: Then accept the Blessings of the Elements of Fire in this place of Summer. May your home be filled with warmth.

Walk together to West.

West: Will your love survive the ebb and flow of feeling?

Couple: It will.

West: Then accept the Blessings of the Elements of Water in this place of Autumn. May your life together be filled with love.

Walk together to North.

North: Will your love survive the times of stillness and restriction?

Couple: It will.

North: Then accept the Blessing of the Element of Earth in this place of Winter. May your union be strong and fruitful.

Walk together to East.

East: Will your love survive the clear light of Day?

Couple: It will.

East: Then accept the Blessing of the Element of Air in this place of Spring. May your marriage be blessed by the light of every new dawn.

Walk together to altar.

Druid: All things in Nature are circular - night becomes day, day becomes night, and night becomes day again. The moon waxes and wanes and waxes again. There is Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, and then Spring returns. These things are part of the Great Mysteries. Ivan & Lisa, do you bring your symbols of these Great Mysteries of Life?

Couple: We do.

Claire brings rings to altar. Druid takes rings from Claire. Claire exits. Druid gives Ivan's ring to Lisa.

Lisa: <Bride vows>

Lisa: (Placing ring on Ivan's finger) Accept in freedom this ring as a token of my vows. With it I pledge my love, my strength, and my friendship. I bring thee joy now and forever. I vow upon this Holy Earth that through you I will honor all men.

Druid gives Lisa's ring to Ivan.

Ivan: <Groom vows>

Ivan: (Placing ring on Lisa's finger) Accept in freedom this ring as a token of my vows. With it I pledge my love, my strength, and my friendship. I bring thee joy now and forever. I vow in the face of Heaven that through you I will honor all women.

Druidess: (Addressing attendees) Today your families will be joined forever in a bond between these two lovers' hands. Do you support this joining and their love?

Family: We do.

Druid: So you join many with one act. May your lives blossom with hope and joy and never cease to grow.

The couple's hands are wrapped in ribbon.

Druidess: I now pronounce you married.

All: May the warmth and light of your union be blessed.

Druid: From the rising sun, three rays of light;
From the living Earth, three stones of witness;
From the eye and mind and hand of wisdom,
Three rowan staves of knowledge.
We pledge our service to the living Earth our home and mother.

Druidess: It is the hour of recall. As the fire dies down let it be re-lit in your hearts. May your memories hold what the eye and ear have gained.

Druid: Let the spirits of the Four Directions be thanked for their blessings.

East: In the name of the hawk of dawn and the element air, we thank the powers of the East.

North: In the name of the great bear of the starry heavens and of the element of earth, we thank the powers of the North.

West: In the name of the salmon and the elements of water, we thank the powers of the West.

South: In the name of the great stag and the element of fire, we thank the powers of the South.

Druidess: This Sacred Rite of Marriage ends in peace as it began. Let us withdraw, holding peace and love in our hearts until we meet again.

Druid and Druidess lead Ivan and Lisa around the circle, starting in the West and continuing Sunwise. Each direction joins the recession as it passes. All exit to the South.