

Introduction

We are gathered here today to give witness to the union of Mike and Madilyn in the bonds of holy matrimony. Marriage is not something that should be entered into lightly, it is a complete commitment of body, mind and soul to another individual for the rest of this spiral of life. It is a promise made before the Gods to stay with and be dedicated to one special individual. For this reason it should be entered into soberly, with a clear mind and a loving heart. With great care and forethought.

Mike and Madilyn have chosen to enter into their union following the ways and practices that are adapted from a time before Christianity. We will start by casting a circle and calling the elements and divinity to witness the ceremony. Once the circle is cast it forms a sacred space braking the circle contaminates the space and releases the energy gathered, we ask therefor that everyone stay seated until the spirits and the circle is dismissed.

After the elements are called Mike and Madilyn will join me at the alter and be united first by a hand fasting ritual and then by a ring exchange. Lastly I will dismiss the spirits and the circle.

Casting the Circle

Rev. Devon starting in the North and moving clock wise, will scribe a circle around the alter and the wedding party forming a sacred space using a sword. He will then make a second round sprinkling sea salt to form a circle of sacred earth. Once complete he will make a final round with incense energize the circle and form the ritual space.

Incantation: *O circle of power I conjure thee,
With water and earth I scribe thee.
With air and Fire I empower thee.
With mind and spirit I seal thee.
By the power of three times three.
I call thee to thy purpose
As I will so mote it be.*

Calling Quarters

Standing at the southern carnal point and facing North

Great Falious
Keeper of the Northern Gate
Guardian of the Watch tower
Elemental Dragon of Earth
Protector of the Gnome Kingdom
Give audience to our ritual
Lend me your Strength and Steadfastness

Moving clockwise to the western carnal point and facing East

Great Gorious
Keeper of the Eastern Gate
Guardian of the Watch tower
Elemental Dragon of Air
Protector of the Sylph Kingdom
Give audience to our ritual
Lend me your Inspiration and Clarity

Moving clockwise to the northern carnal point and facing South .

Great Finious
Keeper of the Southern Gate
Guardian of the Watch tower
Elemental Dragon of Fire
Protector of the Salamander Kingdom
Give audience to our ritual
Lend me your Passion and Courage

Moving clockwise to the eastern carnal point and facing West

Great Murious
Keeper of the Western Gate
Guardian of the Watch tower
Elemental Dragon of Water
Protector of the Undine Kingdom
Give audience to our ritual
Lend me your Intuition and Love

Moving to the center of the circle Rev Devon will call on the spirits above and below.

Guardians of the Heavens
Guardians of the Depths
Watch and Ward eternal keep
Come this night our circle complete
Be here now I do entreat
Give witness to our sacred rite.
That as above and as below so the middle be.

A blade is stuck into the ground in the center of the circle. Once the blade is in place Rev Devon will return to the alter. Mike and Madilyn will walk clockwise around the circle until they are at the alter.

Calling Diety

Oh great and beautiful Aphrodite Goddess of Love,
we humbly bid you enter our circle and give witness
and blessing to this union.

Hestia Beloved Goddess hearth,
we humbly bid you enter our circle and give witness
and blessing to this union.

Energizing the Core and Rings

The binding cord is a sacred tradition the dates back to a time when rings where not exchanged by the couple getting married, According to the tradition once the knot is made the couple will never part as long as the not remains in the cord. [Sprinkle with holy water] with water from the heavens I cleans thee. [Sprinkle salt over cord] With the salt of the earth I empower thee, [Pass the cord through the flame of a candle] With holy fire I charge thee. [Pass the cord through the smoke to the incenses] and with air divine I seal thee to thy purpose. As I will so mote it be.

At this time O Great and Beautiful Aphrodite and Hestia we bid you give your energy to this core and these rings that they touches not just the flesh but also the spirit.

Permission to Handfast

I cannot bind you less it is your own desire.

Mike do you come freely without reservation to this binding? (I do)

Is it your will that the Hand fasting take place? (It is)

Madilyn do you come freely without reservation to this binding? (I do)

Is it your will that the Hand fasting take place? (It is)

Prayer: Divine Aphrodite and Hestia we call on you and ask that you watch over this ritual this right of passage lend your energies to this binding, blessing all involved.

The Hand Fasting Ritual

Madilyn and Mike I bid you look into each others eyes.

Will you honor and respect one another, and seek to never break that honor. But treat the other as your equal in all things great and small?

We will [the cord is draped over the grooms hand]
And so the first binding is made.

Will you share each others pains and burdens and seek to ease them giving comfort one to the other?
We will [wrap the cord around the brides hand]
And so the second binding is made

Will you share each others laughter, and joy looking always for the brightness in life
and the positive in each other?
We will. [tie the cord]
And so the binding is made.

Prayer: Great Aphrodite and Hestia we bid that you place your seals upon this binding that it be not ever broken.

Madilyn and Mike, now you are bound one to the other with a tie that is not easily be broken, As your hands are bound together now, so too are your lives bound unto death. As your lives are bound unto death so too are your spirits bound through out eternity. Thrice bound are you, Bound in the flesh, bound by your spirits, and bound by your love eternal. And with that in mind and heart Mike please take this ring and place it on Madilyns finger as you repeat after me.

With This Hand
I will lift your sorrows
your cup will never be empty
for I will be your wine
With this candle
I will light your way
into darkness
and with this ring
I ask you to be forever mine.

Now Madilyn take this ring and place it on Mikes finger and you repeat after me.

I will forever be yours
and with this ring
I give you my heart
I promise from this day forward
You shall not walk alone
May my heart be your shelter
and my arms be your home.

In as much as Mike and Madilyn have been bound in flesh and spirit and have exchanged rings and vows with one another it is with great pleasure that I now pernounse them husband and wife

You may kiss the bride.

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Dismissing the Circle

Beloved Hestia, Great Goddess of the Hearth
we thank you for joining our rite
and giving energy and witness to this union.
We bid you now to return to your realm
in peace and joy
Blessings be to thee

Beautiful Aphrodite, Great Goddess of Love
we thank you for joining our rite
and giving energy and witness to this union.
We bid you now to return to your realm
in peace and joy
Blessings be to thee

Rev Devon pulls the blade from the ground.

Guardians of the depths and Guardians of the Heavens we thank you for you witness and bid you farewell. We release you from our circle, return to your realms in peace.

Starting in the North and moving counterclockwise

Guardian of the Undine Realm we thank you for your witness and gifts. We bid you now go we release you from our circle return to your realm return to your tower in peace.

Guardian of the Salamander Realm we thank you for your witness and gifts. We bid you now go we release you from our circle return to your realm return to your tower in peace.

Guardian of the Sylph Realm we thank you for your witness and gifts. We bid you now go we release you from our circle return to your realm return to your tower in peace.

Guardian of the Gnome Realm we thank you for your witness and gifts. We bid you now go we release you from our circle return to your realm return to your tower in peace.

The circle is open but unbroken this rite be at an end. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again. As I will so mote it be. Blessings be to all.

The guest are dismissed