

THE TRINITY MASS

[the altar, preferably facing a cardinal direction has a small super-altar with a vase holding appropriate flowers (a white rose representing metamorphosis is standard) on top of it. This is flanked by a white and a black candle or a pair of white or any other color candles if set in a black and a white candle holder. The black candle is on the left as you face the altar. The altar will need: A small bowl of water, a small bowl of salt, a censer and a bit of incense. No salt shaker should be used since the priestess will want to pinch and bless the salt as she adds it to the water, her touch is important. These should be placed in the center of the altar space. A covered loaf of cut bread on a paten, or plate. Place it on the far right of the altar space. A bottle of wine or other libation and a pitcher of water (not everyone will want alcohol) is placed on the left side of the altar. Small cups, 2-4 oz., enough for 1 per person, are placed on the right side. Curtains or screens are required that can be separated in the middle; these are placed across the front of the altar so that when closed they form a veil separating the altar from the congregation. The Deacon carries a bell and a staff.]

PART 1: SITE OF THE RITE

Deacon [rings bell once {1}]: "Here where we gather it is night."

Priestess [kneels]: "We resume our journeys at dawn."

People: "We are at odds by the light of day; there is war among us. We travel in all directions; there is chaos."

Priest [robed as he sees fit]: "Verily chaos is the sole vice-regent of the sun upon earth. Now welcome to this friendly house, be it known to you as Yesod. Rest, assured guard has been duly set, but know also that rest is not peace. By the light of day you are upon one another and drawing blood as is your wont, be it known that here we are brethren; children of one mother. It is our will and our way to reunify all things for love's sake. In so doing, we illuminate our lives--for it is in the light of this Truth that beauty is expressed, so say beauty." [Priest makes welcoming gesture]

People: "So mote it be!" [People sit]

PART 2: SANCTIFICATION

Priest [taking the Priestess by the hand as she rises]: "Arise Daughter of the Moon...[leads the Priestess toward the altar] Walk with me Princess of the Sun. [lets go of Priestess' hand] Make manifest your will here upon the summit of the earth. Be it your will we shall meet again."

Priestess [facing the people, three steps from the altar]: "It is well said and at such time I will bestow my blessing upon you, if the flame of the sun be your ambiance. [Priestess turns toward the altar, approaches it, and then closes the veil. The following actions are all done behind the veil--Priestess disrobes and then takes a pinch of salt from a small bowl and sprinkles it into a cup of water]: "Salt of the earth and water pure be the tears of our lives...Mother be thou adored!" [genuflects] [Deacon, preferably in a robe, rings bell {2}]

Priestess [Priestess, still behind the veil, adds resin to the censor]: "Let the fire and the air make sweet the world, Father be thou adored!" [genuflects] [Deacon rings bell {3}]

Priestess: "May the Lord be with me!" [Deacon rings bell {4}] [Priestess sits on the altar behind the veil]

Deacon: "Here is the Storehouse of Images. None of the images are true, yet they are all the Truth. Here the light is brighter; the air is rarer. That which will be is no longer, that which was is no more."

PART 3: INVOCATIONS

[Deacon rings bell {5}]

Priest (1st step): "O circle of stars whereof our Father is but the younger brother, marvel beyond imagination, soul of infinite space, before whom Time is ashamed, the mind bewildered, and the understanding dark, not unto Thee do we attain, unless Thine image be Love. Therefore by seed and root and bud and leaf and flower and fruit we do invoke Thee. [pauses, turns and faces congregation] I respond and I answer unto the Queen of Infinite Space, kissing her lovely brows--the dew of her light bathes my whole body in the sweet smelling perfume of sweat!"

Priest [turns back to face the veil]: "O Nuit, continuous one of Heaven, let it ever be thus that we not speak of Thee as one but as none, let us not speak of Thee at all for Thou art continuous." [Priest places back of right thumb to his lips, reaches out left arm, palm up, and rotates full circle clockwise.]

[Priestess waits 10 seconds before starting.]

Priestess: "But to love me is better than all things; if under the night-stars you presently burn my incense before me, invoking me with a pure heart, and the Serpent Flame therein, you shall come a little to lie in my bosom. For one kiss wilt you be willing to give all; but whoso gives one particle of dust shall lose all in that hour. You shall gather goods and spices; you shall wear fine jewels; but always in the Love of me--so shall you come to my joy. I charge you earnestly to come before me in a single robe. [pauses] I love you! I yearn to you! Pale or purple, veined or voluptuous, I--who am all pleasure and purple and drunkenness of the innermost sense--desire you. Put on the wings and arouse the coiled splendor within you: come unto me! Burn to me perfumes! Wear to me fine jewels! Drink to me, for I Love you! I Love you! I am the blue-lidded daughter of Sunset. I am the naked brilliance of the voluptuous night-sky. To me! To me!" [at this time the Priestess should pour wine from the bottle/decanter into the cup] [Deacon rings bell {6}]

Priest (2nd step): "O secret of secrets that art hidden in the being of all that lives, not Thee do we adore, for that which adoreth is also Thou. Thou art That and That am I. I am the flame that burns in the heart of every man and woman and in the core of every star. I am Life and the giver of life, yet therefore the knowledge of me is the knowledge of death. I am alone there is no god where I am." [Deacon rings bell {7} as Priest takes third step.]

Deacon and People [stand]: "We have risen and are awake. Let the rituals be performed in beauty and joy. There are rituals of the elements and feasts of the times."

Priest: "Thou that art One, our Lord in the Universe, the Sun, our Lord in ourselves whose name is Mystery of Mystery, uttermost being whose radiance, enlightening the worlds, is also the breath that

makes every God even and Death to tremble before Thee--By the Sign of Light [+] appear Thou glorious upon the Throne of the Sun Make open the Path of creation and of intelligence between us and our minds. Enlighten our understanding! Encourage our hearts. Let Thy Light crystallize itself in our blood fulfilling us of Resurrection." [Priestess presents the cup through the top part of the veil as the Priest begins to chant:]

Priest: "*A ka dua; Tuf ur biu; Bi a 'a chefu; Dudu nur af an nuteru!*" [3X]

Priestess: "*avec moi libertas!*"

PART 4: ADORATION AND UNIFICATION

Priest [opens the veil, kneels and places his hands on Priestess' thighs and vibrates the following Mantra]:

Aum namah Shiva – Aum namah Parvati

Aum namah Brahma – Aum namah Saraswati

Aum namah Vishnu – Aum namah Lakshmi

[Priestess will be holding the cup in her left hand and paten with covered bread in her right; she may or may not be nude. She removed her robe when she went behind the veil; she may or may not don her robe depending upon circumstances.]

PART 5: THE GATHERING

[Deacon holds staff in left hand, bell in right, faces the people and pounds staff on floor 3x]

Deacon: "Oyez, oyez, oyez! Hear ye and hearken unto the Litany of the Saints!" [Deacon looks up and lifts hands]

Deacon: "Oh spirits, you who look kindly upon us, who brighten our paths and lighten our loads, we seek your presence in this gathering, thus we evoke you and call you forth by these names:"[after each name is called Deacon rings the bell once *]

[People may or may not choose to hold hands here.]

Enheduana * {8}

Saint Mary * {9}

Saint Thomas * {10}

Saint Abraham * {11}

Saint Johannes * {12}

Saint Marie * {13}

Saint Helen * {14}

Saint Samuel * {15}

Saint Gregori * {16}

Saint Em * {17}

Saint Mohandas * {18}

Saint Osman * {19}

Saint Carl * {20}

Saint Marilyn * {21}
Saint John * {22}
Saint Bob * {23}

[after the last chime the Deacon pauses, spreads his hands apart, pounds the staff on the ground once]

Deacon: "The saints walk among us!"

[People stand with their hands in the form of the mudhra of Praise]

People: "We praise them with sweet praise!"

Deacon: "Now that we have all gathered, it is time to send our collected thoughts, love, and positive energies to those not among us, those who may be physically ill, who may have sorrows, who may be overly burdened by the travails of life. And at this time we would especially like to mention

_____.

Let us now take a minute of silence to send forth our collected spirit; with open hearts we ease burdens of mind, body and soul; let be it known--no one need suffer alone!"

[People observe a minute of silence]

Deacon: "We find strength in the joy this life can provide. Remember, the sun remains burning bright in the heavens be it night or the darkest of days—All things shall pass!" [Deacon pounds staff]

Deacon and People: "*AUM, AUM, AUM*"

[People sit]

PART 6: CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

[Priest rises, with thumb between index and middle finger raises left hand above head, he holds right hand mid-body axis at lowest point, palm up--slightly cupped and cradling thumb.]

Priest: "*'atah!*" [Priest lowers left hand, maintaining thumb position, pausing briefly to touch the first five chakras, then twining fingers and touching thumbs, he separates hands and leaves left hand in place, he raises his right hand pausing at each chakra, upon touching his crown he will raise both arms and vibrates:] "*'atah gibor le`olam 'adonai!*"

Priest [uncovers the bread with left hand and blesses bread with right]: "Blessed are you Adi Parashakti; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the Earth has given and human hands have made, may it fortify and sustain us, it will become for us the bread of life!"

[Priest while touching Priestess' hand raises paten; Deacon rings bell {24}]

Priest [touches cup and Priestess' hand]: "Blessed are you Adi Parashakti; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink!" [Priest and Priestess raise cup; Deacon rings bell. {25}]

[People stand]

PART 7: ECUMENICAL ANTHEM

People:

"We believe in the Divine, we believe in Humankind

We believe that at our best, we may attain the Divine Light of Ritual Purity
that leads to Ecstasy and Freedom in this life and to Eternity in the next.

May that Divine Light shine within us and without us, now and forever, Amen"

Deacon [rings bell {26}, raises hands sky-ward and shouts]: "*silima šuluḥ!*"

People [raise hands sky-ward while shouting]: "*silima šuluḥ!*"

[Priest and Priestess lower arms to shoulder height, Priest removes hands.]

PART 8: COMMUNION

Priest [turns to congregation and starting with the Deacon at his extreme left says directly]: "Through the application of Discipline ..."

Deacon: "...I may attain Life Eternal." [Deacon takes small step forward.]

Priest [turns to next person]: "Through the application of Discipline..."

Member of congregation: "...I may attain Life Eternal." [this continues for all the congregation members partaking the communion. If a member of the congregation or a guest does not want to partake of Communion they should sit down as priest begins speaking to the Deacon. As everyone steps up--literally--they should help themselves to a piece of bread, Deacon will set the bell on the altar and pick up cups to distribute. Priest will pour the wine (or water). When everyone is served (Priestess may or may not eat and drink, but if she does then she will take the last piece of bread and will share the cup with the Priest),

The Priestess will set the paten down when empty and hand the cup to priest. The Deacon will use the last cup and take bread after the congregation is served.]

Priest: "Blessed are we that have gathered in the Light of Ritual Purity, may we be fortified of mind body and spirit!" [holds up bread slightly and lowers it. Raises the cup slightly as in a toast]

Priest: "May we be enthused beyond reason, may we find true joy!"

People: "*So say we all!*"

[People eat and drink, then the Deacon picks up the empty paten and the people place their empty cups on it and return to their original places in the room.]

PART 9: BENEDICTION AND PROCESSION

Priest and/or Priestess: "May the Divine Light shine within us and without us, today and all the days of our lives."

[Deacon rings bell once {27}, indicating to the congregation it is time to depart; congregation leaves while Priest, Priestess and Deacon remain in front of the altar and watch.]

[Priest, Priestess, and Deacon retire to change clothes.]

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