

The Rite of the Devotee of Her Sacred Fires

Being an adaptation of the Rite of Her Sacred Fires, performed worldwide on the 27th of May 2010. The original Rite of Her Sacred Fires is available at www.sacredfires.co.uk PLEASE NOTE: This is not the same ritual, this ritual contains additions and the first date that this ritual can be performed is the Full Moon in November 2010. This ritual forms part of the Membership Application of the CoH and should be performed exactly as given in this document.

The Rite of the Devotee of Her Sacred Fires should only be performed between sunset and sunrise on a night when the Moon is Full.

Preparation

You will need:

1/ A Devotional Shrine; in a quiet place where you will not be disturbed.

This should be prepared with the following:

- i. An image of the Goddess Hekate
- ii. A red candle, two white candles (for this tealights will suffice)
- iii. Some flowers / greenery. (Local wildflowers, or greenery from the wild or from your garden is preferable, as it will encourage a bond between your work with Hekate and the place you live, it is also a lot more ethical)
- iv. A length of red cord, ribbon or string approx 30 cm in length.
- v. Incense or Joss with suitable containers / vessels for burning it on.
- vi. Any other items which you would like to offer to Hekate, or have as part of your Hekate Shrine. Please note however that for this Rite you should not have images or effigies of any other deities or spirits on your shrine.

Note: You may wish to consecrate all items you will use in the manner of the tradition you ordinarily work in, alternatively see the CoH website for suggestions.

2/ A Hymn To Hekate; this should be:

- i. An original hymn written by you with this Rite in mind. A Hymn is a spiritual song or lyrical religious poem, usually in adoration or praise of a deity, in this instance Hekate. The hymn may be in prose or rhyme, and should reflect your perception of Hekate in your own words.
- ii. Something you are proud of and will continue to be proud of in years to come.
- iii. It will be your "gift of labour" to the Covenant of Hekate. As such it is a sacrifice, which means it should not be published or shared elsewhere by you before or after you have performed the Rite. Once you have gifted it, your Hymn will be published by the CoH on our Members Only website in a Members Hymn Archive, and may be used for other purposes too (you will always be credited).

Prelude to the Rite:

Prepare yourself for the Rite by having a ritual bath (or shower) and putting on nice clean clothes, or a robe if you prefer. Then sit yourself in front of your Shrine and make yourself comfortable. When you are ready to proceed close your eyes and breathe deeply, find your point of balance, a balance of mind and soul and body, which will present you proud and beautiful to the world. Breathe deeply and find your voice, the voice with which you will speak words of true and pure intent. Breathe deeply and call upon the freedom within your heart so that you will be able to express yourself with purity of intent and with strength of desire.

When you are ready proceed.

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Recite your personal hymn. You can read it, but if possible commit it to memory for use. It will allow you to create a stronger connection with the work you are performing.

[Place both your hands on your heart (three heartbeats), your forefinger and middle finger of your dominant hand to your lips (three heartbeats), and then to your brow (three heartbeats).

Now enclose your thumbs within both your hands (in fists) and raise both your arms to the heavens.

Open your hands and with palm upwards in your left hand, bring your right arm to your side palm facing downwards]

Now invoke the Goddess:

Invocation to Hekate:

*I invoke thee, Great Mistress of the Heaven, Earth and Sea,
By your mysteries of Night and Day,
By the Light of the Moon and the Shadow of the Sun
I invoke thee, Mistress of life, death and rebirth
Emerge now from the shadow realm to feed my soul and enlighten my mind,
Triple-formed Mistress of the three ways
I entreat thee, Key-bearing Mistress of the Nightwandering Souls
To bring forth your wisdom from amongst the stars
To bring down your starfire from the darkness between,
Creatrix of Light!
Goddess of the Shadow Realms! Light-bearing queen!
Whisper now your secrets!
Fire-bringer! Earthly-one! Queen of Heaven!*

[Raise both hands with palms facing upwards to the heavens (three heartbeats) and then touch the ground palms downwards]

[Sit before the candle and prepare to light it]

[Take three deep breaths and allow your senses to awaken]

Say:

*Hekate, companion and guide to the mysteries
I light this sacred fire in your honour, [light fire]
Its light uniting the stars and stones, the heavens and the earth,
With this fire I express my desire for a greater understanding of your mysteries*

[Oath]

*Great Hekate, Triple Formed Goddess of the Crossroads, to whom I dedicate this Rite.
Tonight in the light of this full moon, [insert date], I offer myself as a Devotee of your Sacred
Fires. Through the ebb and flow of the natural cycles I will strive towards fulfilling my own
potential in a quest for wisdom through knowledge and understanding of your mysteries. I
dedicate myself to the fulfilment of this oath, from my heart, from my mind and from my
body.*

Askei Kataskei Erōn Oreōn Iōr Mega Samnyēr Bauī (3 times) Phobantia Semnē

*Great Hekate, who spins the web of the stars and governs the spiral of life
Guide me through towards pathways of understanding,
From Crossroad to Crossroad,
The Torchbearers and the Keybearers of your mysteries,
will always find one another,*

[Extinguish the flame, then place both your hands on your heart (three heartbeats), your
forefinger and middle finger of your dominant hand to your lips (three heartbeats), and then
to your brow (three heartbeats).]

[Open your palms reaching towards the heaven, then reach down and touch the Earth.]

Record:

Now write this ceremony in full in a new blank book you have prepared for the purpose, being sure
to include your hymn in the appropriate place in the ceremony. Write all entries in your book in
black ink, with the exception of the name of the Goddess Hekate, and in future the names of other
deities or spirits which you may call upon in your work with Hekate in the months and years to
come, which should be written in RED. This book should be used only for recording rituals,
information, research, ideas and other writings which are related to your work with the Goddess
Hekate.

Membership application:

This ritual is the first step in your application to become a member (Devotee) of the Covenant of
Hekate. Full step by step information of the Membership Application can be found on
www.hekatecovenant.com

You will obtain a membership number when your Membership Application has been received and
approved. A reminder that applications should be fully completed and that the Rite of the Devotee
of Her Sacred Fires have to be done at the Full Moon as part of the membership application.
Electronic applications will NOT be accepted.