

2020 Vision Ritual (Coven scale)

Wake the World!

On central altar:

Figure of Millennial Gaia.

Representation of Green Man (plant? Plaque? Flowers?)

Thick cord strung with 10 large beads 6"-12" apart, with last one tied on end.

Glass chalice full of water.

Chalice of red wine.

Plate of snacky stuff (*cookies, fruit, nuts, apple slices, Cheez-its, chocolates...*).

Altar tools of P & Ps?

Create sacred space in your preferred fashion (Ground, cast a Circle, invoke the Directions (E, S, W, N), Above, Below, Faerie, etc.) "Hail and be welcome!" (all repeat)

Invoke God as the Green Man (Priestess):

The Lord's Bransle

O, You will call the leaves in the fall
To fly their colors brightly
When warmth is lost You paint with frost
Your silver touches lightly
You greet the day in the dance of the May
With ribbons wound about You
We eat Your corn and drink from Your horn
We would not be without You!
Hail and be welcome, Green God!

(—Artemisia)

Invoke Goddess as Gaea (Priest):

Holy Mother Earth,
Yours is the Power
To grow, to destroy, to give birth.
We conjure You now
By seed and by shoot,
By flower and fruit,
By Light and by Love,
From Below and Above.
In Your ancient names:
Gaea, Hertha, Pachamama!
Grant us the blessings of Your body;
Thank You for the blessings of Your Body!
Hail and be welcome, Great Mother!

(—Moonrose)

The Working:

(P or PS holds up cord strung with 10 large beads, about 6"-12" apart. We did this with Chinese yen coins, with square holes in their centers. But beads would be better...)

Statement of Intention:

P: We have arrived at the threshold of the latest of ten great Cultural Renaissances that have occurred like clockwork in a 60-year cycle over the past 500 years, since the Italian Renaissance of the 1480s. Each of these periods have seen the return of the Goddess, as Muse, Virgin and Mother. Each have produced revolutions in consciousness, arts, sciences, literature, music, philosophy, and movements for sexual liberation, human rights, equality, peace and social justice. Each Awakening has raised human consciousness another octave higher towards planetary Enlightenment.

Ps: On this cord are strung ten beads for these ten Awakenings. The last one is tied in place at the end of the cord; it represents our present time. We will pass this cord around the Circle, speaking the dates and names of each Renaissance. As it comes to the first person, and that date is called, take hold of the bead at the bottom end and slide it up to touch the next one, bringing the energy of those two Awakenings together. As you do so, speak aloud your Vision for the coming decade.

P: The next person will take those two beads and slide them up to the 3rd. And so on around the Circle, until all the beads are stacked against each other at the top knot, empowering the new Awakening with all the accumulated momentum of the previous 500 years. When they are all together, continue passing the cord and beads around the Circle, with each person speaking your own Vision of hope for the future as you hold and charge this talisman. At the end of each, shout "AWAKEN!" While the beaded cord is being passed around, everyone else hum a low "omm" to empower the spell.

P or Ps alternately speak the dates and name of each Renaissance as the beaded cord is passed to the next person:

1. **1480s** The Italian/Florentine Renaissance
2. **1540s** The Reformation; Age of Exploration & Discovery
3. **1600s** The Golden Age; English Renaissance
4. **1660s** The Scientific Revolution
5. **1720s** The Great Awakening
6. **1780s** The Age of Reason; Age of Enlightenment
7. **1840s** The Transcendentalist Awakening
8. **1900s** The Golden Dawn; Morning of the Magicians
9. **1960s** The New Age; Consciousness Revolution
10. **2020s** The Awakening

Power-raising:

When the beaded cord returns to the P or Ps, he/she holds it high; everyone takes hands, raises their hands high together, and the "Om" becomes a crescendo shout of empowerment: "AWAKEN, WORLD! SO MOTE IT BE!" Drop hands, touch ground, be seated.

Recorded music: "Avalon is Rising" by Isaac Bonewits; or "We Won't Wait Any Longer" by Gwydion.

Communion:

With everyone seated, a water-sharing is held. P or Ps explains about the universality and one-ness of water, and the deep meaning of water-sharing, drinking and then passing the chalice of water around the Circle. Each person drinks, saying "Water shared is life shared," "May you never thirst!" and "Thou art God" (or "Goddess") as they pass the chalice to the next person.

Recorded music (while water is being shared): "Ripple" by the Grateful Dead.

Cookies, fruit, nuts, apple slices, Cheez-its, chocolates or whatever are then passed around, with the phrase "May you never hunger." Followed by wine or fruit juice, and "Sacred Bullshit" session, where people share their thoughts and feelings of the ritual and what it meant to them.

Group song: "Light is Returning" by Starhawk:

Light is returning,
Even though this is the darkest hour
No one can hold back the dawn!
Let's keep it burning;
Let's keep the light of Hope alive!
Make safe our journey through the storm.
One planet is turning,
Circling on Her path around the Sun
Earth Mother is calling Her Children Home!
(—Starhawk)

Dismissals:

The Goddess (Gaea) and God (Green Man) are thanked and told "May Your Spirit continue to guide us!" Then the Directions, in reverse order (N, W, S, E). Each dismissal concludes with bidding "Hail and Farewell," which everyone repeats.

Circle Opening:

All from air, into air,
Let the misty curtains part!
All is ended; all is done.
What has been must now be gone!
What is done by ancient art
Must merry meet and merry part!
And merry meet again!
(—Gwydion)