

Spring Equinox Ritual 1994

rebirth/transformation, children, love, water, east, sunrise/dawn, yellow/pale green

<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Drum	All	15 min.
2. Welcome and blessing	Ellen	5 min.
3. Water purification	Lynn & Marty	15 min.
4. Talk about themes and symbolism of equinox, connection w/modern holidays	Marty	10 min.
5. Chant -- "We All Come From the Goddess"	Ellen	5 min.
TRANSITION--walk and think about word or phrase that expresses spring	Marty	10 min.
6. Round chant on themes of spring	Marty	10 min.
7. Persephone story	Ellen	10 min.
8. Lie on earth/meditate on rebirth/transformation	Lynn	10 min.
9. Each woman shares what she is letting go of, pours out water	Lynn	30 min.
10. Each woman shares what she is planting/nourishing, plants seed	Lynn	30 min.
TRANSITION--walk (skip, etc.) as a child	Marty	5 min.
11. Children's game -- Tisket, Tasket	Marty	10-20 min.
TRANSITION--come back to circle	Ellen	5 min.
12. Chant -- "I am one..."	Ellen	5 min.

Blessing for Spring Equinox

Now is the dark half of the year passing

Now do the days grow light

and the Earth grows warm

I summon the spirit of that which has slept in darkness

Awaken, stir, and swell

Soon you will be planted in Earth and in Mind

To grow and bring forth new fruit

Blessed be all life

adapted from seed prayer in *Wheel of the Year*