

# *The Rite of the Her Sacred Fires*

Written by Sorita d'Este ([www.sorita.co.uk](http://www.sorita.co.uk)) for the celebration of the completion of the anthology 'Hekate Her Sacred Fires' ([www.sacredfires.co.uk](http://www.sacredfires.co.uk)) and as an act of devotion and gratitude to the Goddess Hekate.

This rite is intended for use on the Full Moon, **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2010** by all those who wish to honour the Goddess Hekate and dedicate themselves towards a greater understanding of Her Mysteries . It can be performed by itself, or as part of a longer ceremony, with or without a "formal" ritual space – that is up to individual choice. It is preferable (though not obligatory) that the wording and actions of the ceremony as presented below should be kept the same and remain unaltered, though if for spiritual, magical or personal reasons you need or wish to change some of it, you are hereby given permission to do so with the proviso that you do not alter in any way the purpose of the ceremony.

## **Preparation:**

Find a quiet place where you will be able to perform the rite undisturbed. You will need a candle (or another form of devotional fire, such as a lamp or hearth fire) and something with which to light it. You may wish to consecrate the candle, or other materials you will be using in keeping with your usual tradition of working, otherwise please simply ensure that it is clean.

## **Prelude:**

Make yourself comfortable, breathe deeply and 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.

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 and invoke the Goddess.

## **Invocation:**

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

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,

[Now sit and watch the flame flicker and dance, allow yourself to focus on the different colours in the flame, the yellows and reds, the blues and whites, and the black. If you wish you may decide to spend some time meditating on the flame, skrying for visions or omens. Likewise, you may wish to extinguish it and keep the candle let your true self radiate brightly its beautiful mysteries from this day on forth, the flame of the fires of Hekate burns on in your heart!]

I banish now the shadows of doubt from my mind,  
Infused by the silence and warmth of our union  
I feel your golden radiance within my heart  
And the glory of knowledge on my brow,  
I am a student of your mysteries.

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.

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**NB.** Those who wish to perform the rite and film themselves doing do not need permission to do so, however, we ask that you please do not do so before the date of the ritual 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 unless you have express permission to do so. The purpose of this ritual is to unite all those who honour the Goddess Hekate on the Full Moon of the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 in a unique ceremony in which during that day hundreds, maybe thousands of flames will be lit for Her all over the world ! If you wish to put your name on one of the lists for the event, please do so through the events on our facebook page – [www.facebook.com/hekatefires](http://www.facebook.com/hekatefires) , or alternatively on the MySpace page <http://events.myspace.com/Event/3979730/THE-RITE-OF-HER-SACRED-FIRES> - both can be used to invite and help others become aware of this unique day for Hekate!

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