**Ancient Celtic Ritual**

It is designed to set the circle and invoke the powers of the elements...a place for spell work is designated....

TO SET CIRCLE:

***I consecrate this circle of power to the ancient gods. Here may they manifest and bless their child.***

TO ALTAR:

**This is a time that is not a time, in a place that is not a place,**

**On a day that is not a day, I stand at the threshold between the worlds,**

**Before the veil of the Mysteries, May the ancient ones help and protect me on my magical journey.**

BLESSING ON ARTICLES OF WATER, SALT, CANDLE, AND INCENSE.

**Great Mother, bless this creature of Water to your service.**

**Great Mother, bless this creature of Earth to your service.**

**Great Father, bless this creature of Fire to your service.**

**Great Father, bless this creature of Air to your service.**

INVOCATION OF ELEMENTS:

**EAST: AIR**

**SOUTH: FIRE**

**WEST: WATER**

**NORTH: EARTH**

***I call upon you (appropriate element facing correct direction) to witness this rite and to guard this circle.***

FINAL SETTING OF CIRCLE:

**This circle is bound With power all around**

**Between the worlds I stand with protection around.**

NOW IS THE TIME TO PROCEED WITH SPELLWORK...

BINDING OF CIRCLE:

**By the powers of the ancient gods, I bind all power within the circle into this spell. So, mote it be.**

DEPARTURE OF ELEMENTS: (same directions as invocation)

**Depart in peace,** **O powers of (element), my thanks and blessing.**

CUT CIRCLE (motion of hand counterclockwise)

**The circle is open, yet ever it remains a circle around and through me always flows its magical power.**

GENERAL THANKS:

**Between two friends is this bargain made A blessing to all who came to my aid.**

This was a very general format for rituals based in Celtic mythos.... Feel free to add and aspects which appeal to you...for it is those things which we make our own which hold the most power...time and energy devoted to something infuses it with ourselves enriching it with magick...