

Birthday Black Mass (Following outlining from SBA) **2019**

Required:

- Altar.
- At least one person to conduct the ceremony.
- One FIREPROOF vessel.
- At least one ritual candle.
- Masks.
- Paper.
- Mixture of charcoal, water, and lavender.
- Red wine.
- Moon water (for non-drinkers).
- Cup, bowl, or chalice.

Suggested:

- Between four and 12 candles.
- Bell or gong.
- Knife or sword.
- Incense.
- Black book.
- One or two additional people to help conduct.
- Sanitary wipes.

Altar setup:

The altar should be a table high enough for you to comfortably reach everything on it but low enough for everything to be visible to the entire room. Position the altar either in the center of the room or at one end. If you prefer to conduct without an altar, make sure all of your implements are nearby anyway. We recommend a centerpiece for the altar, something big and eye-catching to set the mood. In the past we've used a goat's skull or a statue of Baphomet, but whatever seems appropriate for you can serve the same ends.

Cover the table with an altar cloth or just a simple tablecloth—black is generally the default color, but red, deep blue, purple, or even white can work, depending on your mood. The altar should contain all of your implements. It can also hold additional elements for creating atmosphere—candles, incense, decorative additions, etc. If you're employing a book in your altar setup, make sure that it lies open.

Sequence:

- Introduction.**
- Dark Lord's Prayer.**
- Invocation.**
- Ritual Cleansing & Mark of The Beast**
- Close.**

Part 0: Introduction

- Welcome
- What to expect
 - o No actual summoning, no fear.
 - o Wearing masks (as many as are available)

- No one turned away for lack of mask (NOTAFLOM)
- o Writing one thing to be rid of and one wish to burn
- Come up to front of stage, take a moment to visualize wish and riddance separately, then burn one at a time.
 - Participants make these prior to start of ritual and hold onto
- Remove mask and place into receptacle
- You will be marked with a mixture of water, charcoal, and lavender if you consent on head, chest, or hand.
- Turn to your right to receive wine or water from chalice
 - You're choice, just specify.
- Priestess will say "Hail *your name*"
- Repeat "Hail *someone's name*" after it is done
- Exit left to rejoin others
- o Repeat "Hail Satan" when it is said, if you please.
- o Party your ass off!

Part 1: The Dark Lord's Prayer

You or a volunteer should stand in front of the altar or at the center of the circle to lead the "prayer." Since this is an easy task it's a good way to include someone else in. Conduct the recitation call and response style, first delivering a line and then letting everyone repeat it back:

Our Father, who art in Hell

Unhallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom is come, thy will is done
On earth as it is below
We take this night our rightful due
And trespass not on paths of pain
Lead us into temptation
And delivers us from false piety
For ours is the world
The riches
And the glory
Forever and ever
Hail Satan!

Part 2: The Invocation

One or more of you can deliver the “sermon” (for lack of a better word), dividing up the text as you see fit. We’ve hopefully composed it so that it’s fairly easy to move, remove, or add additional statements as you see fit. Whenever the invocation uses the phrase “Hail Satan,” it’s traditional and appropriate for everyone participating to repeat back, “Hail Satan.” With a big enough crowd this can get quite forceful, which is awesome.

If you have a bell or a gong, punctuate the “Hail Satan” with that. It might be useful to have one volunteer who is just on bell duty.

Fellow Satanists, The godless, the curious and recovering theists: Tonight we gather to be cleansed. From Earth each of us has been imposed upon by an arbitrary faith that was meant to control our actions, our self-image,

our spirits, and our minds; faiths that if shed could bring us shame, disownment, social stigma, or professional consequence.

For most of us this faith requires a belief that our actions, our victories, and our failures are not from within, but from above. It requires we bow down to a tyrannical entity and both beg for his grace and grovel for their mercy, for it is they who wear the crown of thorns who, without consent, claim to suffer for our actions.

Tonight we, ourselves, don the crown of thorns for it is we who are responsible for our actions. It is we who shall revel in our victories and suffer our own defeats. For it is we alone who guide our actions.

Tonight we shed our masks: An object that represents baseless tyranny cast upon us by false morals. Morals that teach us shame and guilt. For our bodies are inviolable and subject to one's own will alone. We come before you. We will revel in the joy of revealing our true selves. Shedding, with our masks, our opposed face and the carnal shames that come with them, to embrace our fowl of humility and embrace the glory of possibility.

Finally, we indulge. To deny oneself earthly pleasure is to open oneself to compulsion and action. We do not feign to drink the blood of a deity, but to engage in the revelry that we refuse to deny ourselves; to reclaim the warded symbolism and therefore cast out the dogma that it represents. To find freedom in one's blasphemy is to find oneself.

Here, now we embrace the name as Satan. Not as our god, but as our symbol of eternal rebellion against tyranny of spirit and mind. We claim our inherent right to personal sovereignty and morality. We are here to cleanse ourselves of our previous submissions and in doing so, we are reborn into our chosen life lead by Satanic ideals of liberty, justice, benevolence, empathy, and common sense.

Hail Satan. Now is the time to step forward, each, to relinquish your submissions and your wishes.

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Part 3: Satanic cleansing & mark of the beast

Participants come up one by one holding both a wish and something they wish to be rid of. They will take a short time to visualize each before putting it into the fire of the cauldron.

Attendees ritually discard their masks. They will then be blessed with a charcoal mark on the forehead (the combination of water, charcoal, and lavender is good for the skin) from the priestess who will speak, “Hail insert name” which the audience will repeat& bell will ring before they exit stage right.

Part 4: Conclusion

Returning to the altar, extinguish the candles or other lights one by one, until only one remains. At this point ring the bell once, close the book, and before putting out the final light say:

Now go forth and sin some more. So say we all: Hail Satan.

Once everyone repeats, blow out the last candle. Fin.