New Moon Coven Ritual: Closing the Circle

1. Releasing the Quarters
The Quarter Caller (or Circle Caster) goes to each quarter, athame in hand, to release the energy.

East
Salute the East and draw a banishing pentagram:
"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the East, ye Lords of Air; we thank you for attending our rites; and here ye depart to your beautiful realms, we bid thee Hail and Farewell!"
All: "Hail and Farewell!"
(Extinguish the East Quarter Candle)

South
Salute the South and draw a banishing pentagram:
"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the South, ye Lords of Fire; we thank you for attending our rites; and ere ye depart to your beautiful realms, we bid thee Hail and Farewell!"
All: "Hail and Farewell!"
(Extinguish the South Quarter Candle)

West
Salute the West and draw a banishing pentagram:
"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the West, ye Lords of Water; we thank you for attending our rites; and ere ye depart to your beautiful realms, we bid thee Hail and Farewell!"
All: "Hail and Farewell!"
(Extinguish the West Quarter Candle)

North
Salute the North and draw a banishing pentagram:
"Ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the North, ye Lords of Earth; Boreas, Guardian of the Northern Portals; we thank you for attending our rites; and here ye depart to your beautiful realms, we bid thee Hail and Farewell!"
All: "Hail and Farewell!"
(Extinguish the North Quarter Candle)

2. Dismissals and Gratitude
The Circle Caster addresses the Altar:
"Loving Hermes, Mighty Hecate, we thank you for your presence, your guidance, and your protection tonight. Stay if you will, go if you must. We bid you Hail and Farewell!"
(Extinguish the Altar Candles)

"We thank and dismiss all spirits of light who have gathered to witness these rites. Go in peace."

3. Opening the Circle
The Circle Caster stands before the Altar:
"The Circle is open but unbroken. Merry meet, merry part, and merry meet again."

Extinguish the Presence Lamp:
"This rite has ended!"
All: "So mote that shit!