

# Whispering Lake Grove, ADF

*Proudly Presents*

*A Mother's Day Rite of Offering*



**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

**6:00PM**

## GROVE ATTUNEMENT

**(Nathan)**

Joining our hands and closing our eyes, breathe deeply, (pause) feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth, (pause) in your mind's eye see the Sky that stretches above us, (pause) and feel the presence of the Sea that surrounds us. (pause) We stand together in the Middle Realm, the world that we share with the Spirits of Nature.

**(Carrion)**

Below us exists the Underworld realm of our Ancestors and the sacred source of the primal waters. Reaching far beneath you seek the primal waters. Let us call to them as they rise to meet us, 'sacred waters flow within us.' **All:** 'sacred waters flow within us'. Feel the waters as they enter your being filling the cauldron within your belly, (pause) within your heart (pause) and finally within your head. (pause) Feel the creative potential that flows throughout your being.

**(Chris)**

Tuning your attention skyward, know that above us stretches the Heavens, realm of the Gods and home of the first fire. Reaching far beyond the sky seek the primal fire. Let us call upon this sacred spark of the first fire, 'sacred fire burn within us'. **All:** 'sacred fire burn within us'. See the illuminating radiance of the sacred fire as it shines upon you igniting the potential that flows within you. See the flames of the first fire ignite the cauldron within your head, (pause) the cauldron within your heart (pause) and finally the cauldron within your belly. (pause)

**(Maggie the Baker)**

Feel these primal powers as they surge through you. Your heart beats with the very pulse of all worlds. The fire and water that flows through our veins connects us to the worlds, the realms and the Kindred.

As we open our eyes let us be one in this place!

**HONORING OUR GROVE PATRON**

**(Chris)**

As we prepare to honor our mothers,  
We call once more upon the magic of creation...  
To the magic of transformation,  
And upon the magic of love.

**(Maggie the Baker)**

As we gather for a common purpose,  
We call upon the magic of protection.  
To the magic of inspiration,  
And upon the magic of life.

**(Chris)**

We call upon the magic of Manannan.  
May your magic  
Inspire our work,  
Protect our kin,  
And uphold our gathering.

**(Maggie the Baker)**

Manannan, merge you magic with ours.  
*An offering of Irish Whiskey is made.*  
Manannan, accept our offering!  
**All:** Manannan, accept our offering!

**PROCESSION**

**(Carrion)**

**In Song**

*The Waters flow around us  
The Fires burn within us  
Standing tall we gather at the center of the world.  
Upon the Earth our mother  
We worship here together  
All as one we gather at the center of the world.  
(Words and Music by Emerald)*

*All participants will be censed and asperged by **Morrighan and Maggie B.** during the processional chant the Nemeton will also be censed and asperged during this time. Repeat chant until all participants and the worship area has been censed and asperged.*

Musical Signal-A drum beats 3x3 times. **(Chris)**

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**(Jaeme)**

Honoring the Earth Mother

Ancient One of ever changing beauty  
Primal Mother of this land  
And Great Goddess of Sovereignty  
We are renewed in your waters  
Cradled within your mantel of green  
And sustained by your abundance  
Earth Mother, we call upon the life-giving magic of the Earth!  
*An offering of bread is made.*  
Earth Mother, accept our offering!  
**All:** Earth Mother, accept our offering!

Honoring the Earth Mother

**(Nathan)**

Flashing One of the Sun's healing warmth  
Brilliant Father of the Clear Sky  
And Great God of the creative spark  
We are purified between your flames  
Strengthened through your radiant light  
And prosper from your fertility  
Sky Father, we call upon the illuminating power of the Sky!  
*An offering of incense is made.*  
Sky Father, accept our offering!  
**All:** Sky Father, accept our offering!

**(Carrion)**

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Sun-faced Warrior of the Tuatha;  
Honey-mouthed God of Poetic Word;  
And Father of the Ogham.  
Oh, Binder and Inspirer of the Journeying Soul.  
Bless us with your inspiration and eloquence this night!  
*An offering of honey is made.*  
Oghma accept our offering!  
**All:** Oghma accept our offering!

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**(Chris)**

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one tribe;  
To worship and honor our Mothers as one people;  
We gather kin and clan beneath the Sky;  
To make sacrifice to our Mothers;  
Receiving their blessings in return.  
May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

**(Carrion)**

WEAVING THE DRUIDS MIST

**(Carrion)**

AFFIRMATION OF UNITY

Let us now raise our voice as one people.

*In Song*

*Deep Peace (Author Unknown)*

*Deep peace of the flowing air to you*  
*Deep peace of the sacred flame*  
*Deep peace of the running wave to you*  
*Deep peace of the quiet earth*  
*May peace, may peace, may peace fill your soul*  
*Let peace, let peace, let peace make you whole.*

**Repeat 3X**

**(Carrion)**

Let us now recreate the cosmos that we may stand once more together at the center of all worlds.

**(Maggie the Baker)**

Establishing Sacred Time

In the beginning and so too in the end; there was but the fires of the Sky and the waters of the Earth. And between them lay a fertile land.

In the South the old Fir Bolg King, dreamed of birds, the sky grew dark as the great flock approached the shore.

From the North through smoke and mist came beings of great might and magic, the vast army of the Tuatha to overtake the land; bringing with them four treasures that would assure their victory.

Reaching the shore, the Tuatha burnt their ships and a great battle for the land began. Great numbers of the Fir Bolg fell as the armies of the Tuatha swept across the land.

In defeat the Fir Bolg retreated to the lands of the Fomorians and the Tuatha De Danann lay claim to Ireland.

**(Chris)**

Fire, Well & Tree (*chant*)

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Gate to the Shining Ones* (Chris)

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Our passage to the Sky* (Chris)

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Warmth of our Community* (Chris)

*Spark of Life* (Chris)

*We honor you now*

***Incense is offered to the fire.***

*Well, deep Well*

*Gate to the Underworld* (Carrion)

*Well, deep Well*

*Our passage to the Sea* (Carrion)

*Well, deep Well*

*Wisdom of the Ancestors* (Carrion)

*Waters of Life* (Carrion)

*We honor you now*

***Silver is offered into the well.***

*Tree, great Tree*

*Gate that reaches everywhere* (Morrighan)

*Tree, great Tree*

*With you we share the Land* (Morrighan)

*Tree, great Tree*

*Our passage to the Otherworld* (Morrighan)

*Source of Life* (Morrighan)

*We honor you now.*

***The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense.***

***Words & music by Pandora***

**(Jaeme)**

**COMPLETING THE COSMOLOGY**

*To Land, Sea & Sky*

The waters support and surround us.

The land extends about us.

The sky stretches above us.

And at the center burns a living flame.

Let us pray with a good fire.

May all the Kindred bless us.

May our worship be true.

May our actions be just.

May our love be pure.

Blessings and honor and worship to the holy ones.

Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith

**OPENING THE GATES**

Opening the Gates

**(Maggie B.)**

Fires of inspiration...

**(Carrion)**

Waters of creation...

**(Chris)**

Wielder of the Way Between...

**(Maggie B.)**

Mother of our home...

**(Carrion)**

Matron of our hearth...

**(Chris)**

Guardian of its threshold...

**(Maggie B.)**

Bright Lady, in your protection we shall stand at the center of all worlds.

**(Carrion)**

Brighid, as the world of man and Sidhe converge within this place may you open the way before us.

*Irish whiskey is offered to the Brighid.*

Brighid, accept our offering!

**All:** Brighid, accept our offering!

**(Chris)** Let us raise our voices in song the Keeper of this Hearth!

**All in song**

*Sing through my voice,*

*Play through my hands,*

*Let the way be open!*

**Repeat chant three times**

**Words by Abbi Spinner and J. Mangus McBride**

Opening the Gates

**(Maggie the Baker)**

Lady Brighid, let us stand at the center of all worlds!

Sacred Fires ignite the waters of the earth.

**(Carrion)**

Primal Waters feed the order of the cosmos.

**(Chris)**

World Tree join the heavens with the earth.

**(Maggie the Baker)**

*Striking a sigil over the fire.*

Let these flames carry our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

**(Carrion)**

*Striking a sigil over the well.*

Let these waters carry our praise and sacrifice to the Mighty Dead.

**(Chris)**

*Striking a sigil upon the tree.*

Let this tree connect the worlds as they become one in this place.

By the land before us!

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Maggie the Baker)**

By the sky above us!

**(Carrion, Chris, Maggie the Baker)**

Let the Gates Be Open!

**All:** Let the Gates Be Open!

**(Maggie the Baker)**

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

**KINDRED OFFERINGS**

**(Carrion)**

Now that the world of the living and that of the spirit are one, we call out from the crossroads to the Mighty Kindred.

**(Nathan)**

**Noble Spirits**

Allies of the Middle Realm!

Bright and Shining Messengers to the Otherworld

Elves, Sprites, and Faeries of the Hollow Hills

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Join us as we honor our Mothers!

*Seeds are offered.*

Spirits of Nature, accept our offering!

**All:** Spirits of Nature, accept our offering!

**(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song to the Nature Spirits!  
*Fur and Feather and Scale and Skin*  
*All ye spirits are welcomed in..*  
*Leaf and stone and fairy too.*  
*May we seal our pact with you.*  
*It's the stream of life that flows through us all.*  
*The babbling brook is nature spirits call.*  
*Interweaved through the web of life are we.*  
*Come back to the sacred tree.*  
**(Words and music by Rev. Nora Ford)**

**(Morrighan)**

**Ancestors**

Wise Ones of the Realm Below!  
Beloved Dead of blood and spirit;  
Ancestors of flesh and bone  
Heroes of myth and legend  
Join us as we honor our Mothers!  
***Beer and bread are offered.***  
Ancestors, accept our offering!  
**All:** Ancestors, accept our offering!

**(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song to the Ancestors!  
***In song***  
*From far beyond this mortal plan*  
*Mothers and Fathers of old*  
*We pray that you return again*  
*Mothers and Fathers of old*  
*To share with us the mysteries*  
*And secrets long untold*  
*Of the ancient ways we seek to reclaim*

*Mothers and Fathers of old.*  
***Words and music by Sable***

**(Chris)**

**Shining & Chthonic Ones**

Eldest and Brightest of the Realm Above!  
Bringers of life, death and rebirth.  
Deities of Might , of Magic and those of the Mist.  
Blessed Children of Danu!  
Join us as we honor our Mothers.  
Shining Ones, accept our offering!  
***Olive oil is offered.***  
**All:** Shining Ones accept our offering!

**(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song to the Gods!  
***In song***  
*Hail all the Gods,*  
*Hail all the Goddesses,*  
*Hail all the Holy Ones,*  
*We dwell together.*

*Lords of the sky,*  
*Ladies of the sacred earth,*  
*Spirits and the ancestors,*  
*We dwell together.*

*Hail all the Gods*  
*Hail all the Goddess*  
*Hail all the Gods and Goddess*  
*Repeat chant 3x*

**© Words by Paul Maurice. Music by Paul Maurice, Sean Miller and Gail William**

### KEY OFFERING INVOCATION

**(Carrion)**

Mothers of Blood and Spirit  
Our hearts beat because you have lived...  
Your success and failure;  
Are our greatest teachers.

You who impart the wisdom of the ages...  
Through your strength and perseverance we are...  
Within our blood flows your memory...  
A recording of all who have come before...

Mothers among both the living and the dead...  
Those whose wisdom and words fill our memory  
Those whose life force flows within our veins  
We honor you and offer you welcome!  
**Roses are offered.**  
Mothers of Blood and Spirit, accept our offering!

***Participants are given an opportunity to offer praise or personal offerings to their Mothers.***

**(Chris)**

### PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;  
We honor our Mothers of Blood and Spirit as they walk among us. This night a gift calls for a gift let us keep the Ancient Bargain and make our sacrifice!

### SACRIFICE

***A slow drumbeat begins. Other participants will take up shakers and other instruments or participate in dancing and intoning to raise magical energy for the Kindred. The Seer***

***will collect and direct the energy raised through the gate and communicate with the Mothers. He/she will take an omen by drawing an Ogham that represents our gift for a gift and the acceptance of our sacrifice. The assembled company will raise energy until the final sacrifice has been accepted. The final sacrifice is made.***

**(Chris)**

Mothers of Blood and Spirit, accept our sacrifice!  
**All:** Mothers of Blood and Spirit, accept our sacrifice!

### THE OMEN

***Chris will take and pronounce the omen***

**(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song as the Mothers reveal their will.

***In song***

*Come druid all, ovates and seers  
And let your minds be still  
Earth, sea and sky will lend no fears  
As the gods reveal their will.  
Let every heart sing praise to them  
And all our works be skilled  
Claiming their blessings to the very end.  
As the gods reveal their will.  
(Words by Sean Miller)*

### BLESSING OF THE WATERS

***The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.***

**(Chris)**

As in the ways of old we have given our gifts freely and as in the ways of old a gift is given unto us in return.



**(Carrion)**

We will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours!

**(Chris)**

Mothers, give us the waters!

**All:** Mothers, give us the waters!

**(Carrion)**

We gather with you between Earth and Sky. We are proud to call ourselves your people.

**(Chris)**

Once again, Mothers, give us the waters!

**All:** Mothers, give us the waters!

**(Carrion)**

We have brought our offerings. We have made our sacrifice.

**(Chris)**

One last time, Mothers give us the waters!

**All:** Mothers, give us the waters!

*The pitchers are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

#### Hallowing the Waters

**(Carrion)**

Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Chris)**

Mighty Mothers, hear and bless us.

**(Carrion)**

Mothers of Blood and Spirit, Wise Teachers, hallow these Waters of Life.

**Carrion lifts the pitchers before the participants.**

Behold the Waters of Life!

**All:** Behold the Waters of Life!

*As the blessings are passed Carrion will lead the chant, "Pour the Waters". Maggie the Baker and Morrighan will pass the waters.*

#### Pour the Waters

*Pour the waters, raise the cup; Drink your share of wisdom deep; strength and love now fill us up. As the elder ways we keep. © Words and music by Stone Creed Grove ADF*

#### **THANKING THE BEINGS**

**(Carrion)**

Mothers of blood and spirit, we thank you for all that we have become. May you continue to share your wisdom with us. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Mothers, we thank you!

All: Mothers, we thank you!

**(Chris)**

Shining Ones, Eldest and Brightest. May you continue to guide and bless us as we walk this path. Shining Ones, known and unknown, we thank you for your blessings and guidance this eve. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Shining Ones, we thank you!

**All:** Shining Ones, we thank you!

**(Morrighan)**

Mighty Dead of blood and spirit. Those who inspire and guide us in our lives. Beloved Dead we thank you for the wisdom you have shared with us. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire. Ancestors, we thank you!



**All:** Ancestors, we thank you!

**(Nathan)**

Noble Spirits of land, sea and sky. Companions who aid and guide us in our journey. Noble Spirits, we thank you for sharing your knowledge and protection.(a final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Spirits of Nature, we thank you!

**All:** Spirits of Nature, we thank you!

**(Nathan)**

Oghma, Honey-mouthed God of Poetic Word. We thank you for the inspiration and eloquence you have shared with us. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Oghma, we thank you!

**All:** Oghma, we thank you!

### **CLOSING THE GATES**

**(Carrion)**

Brighid, Protectress of Hearth and Home; we thank you for your protection and guidance as we stand at the center of all worlds this night. (A final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

Brighid, we thank you!

**All:** Brighid, we thank you!

**(Maggie the Baker)**

Great Mother of the Threshold, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more. Let the fire burning towards the heavens once more become but flames.

**(Carrion)**

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld once more become but water.

**(Chris)**

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, become but wood.  
By the land before us!

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Maggie the Baker)**

By the sky above us!

**(Carrion, Chris, Maggie the Baker)**

Let the Gates be closed!

**All:** Let the Gates be closed!

### **THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER**

**(Nathan)**

Illuminating One of the Sky, may you continue to show us the way to courage and right. Bright Father of the Gael, we thank you for the strength and healing warmth you have given us. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us always!  
Sky Father, we thank you!

**All:** Sky Father, we thank you!

**(Jaeme)**

Ancient One of Ever Changing Beauty, may you continue to renew and sustain us. Primal Mother of the Tuatha, we thank you for all life. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us always!

Earth Mother, we thank you!

**All:** Earth Mother, we thank you!

**(Chris)**

Manannan, we thank you for aiding us in our work, join us at our hearth and walking with us as we journey upon our paths. *(a final token is offered)* May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.  
Manannan, we thank you!  
**All:** Manannan, we thank you!

**(Carrion)**

We now return all that has gone unused to the Earth and the Sky, may they continue to support, surround and sustain us. All offerings that remain are burnt in the fire or scattered upon the Earth.

#### **STATEMENT OF ENDING**

##### Unmerging, Regrounding & Recentering: Meditation

**(Nathan)**

Once more take a few deep cleansing breaths as we reaffirm our center *(pause 4 count)*. We stand together at the center of all worlds, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea. We span the worlds, connecting earth and sky and the Kindred as one *(pause 4 count)*.

**(Carrion)**

Remember that below us flows the primal waters filled with the potential of all life. It is these waters that surge through your very being. *(pause 8 count)*

**(Chris)**

Remember that above us burns the primal fires filled with the spark of all life. It is these powers that have illuminated the waters that surge through you. *(pause 8 count)*

**(Maggie the Baker)**

The primal powers of fire and water unite within us bringing new life and balance to our beings. Our hearts beat with the very pulse of all worlds *(pause 8 count)*

**(Nathan)**

Remember that we share these worlds with the Spirits of Nature, with the Ancestors and with the Gods. As they bless us, offer their wisdom and guidance let us forever remember the old bargain.

**(Carrion)**

Remember the powers of earth and sky, the sacred fire and waters, that flow within you... take what you need to maintain balance and release back to the earth and sky all that has gone unused. Know that the fire and water that flows from us helps to sustain the worlds, the realms and the Kindred as we conclude our worship.

May all that is be what was, that it may be again!

Musical Signal- A drum beats 3X3. **(Chris)**

**All:** We will keep the faith until the sky falls upon us and crushes us; until the earth opens and swallows us; until the seas arise and overwhelm us.

**(Carrion)**

**Recessional Chant**

Once more may we now raise our voices in song as we leave  
our Nemeton.

***For All Time***

*The sky fuels the waters  
And the waters sustain the skies  
We walk together from this place  
With the honored as our guides*

*Strong in our purpose  
We balance and survive  
From many wells of fortitude  
Our spirits are revived  
CHORUS*

*Joyous in our sharing  
We honor dead and alive  
With voices of sacred wisdom  
We travel the path of our lives*

***CHORUS***

*Fulfilled in our learning  
Our souls will always thrive  
In our varied hearts and minds*

*We keep the sacred for all time*

***CHORUS***

(lyrics by Isaura; music by Raven of the Sorrows)

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