

# Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



**Beltaine**  
April 29, 2007  
6:00 PM

## **PREPARATION**

### **GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Moondragon)**

Closing your eyes, take a few deep cleansing breaths.

Breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth.

In through your nose and out through your mouth.

As you breathe, lay aside the worries, troubles and woes of the mundane world. *(pause 4 count)*

We now stand between Earth and Sky

Feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth

Know that below us flows the primal waters

Cold, dark and chaotic; filled with the potential of all life.

Allow the primal waters to enter your being.

Feel the coolness of the waters as they pool within your belly, within your heart and finally, within your head. *(pause 8 count)*

Reaching high into the sky above

Feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens

Know that above us burns the primal fires

Warm, light and ordered; filled with the spark of all life.

Allow the primal fire to enter your being.

Feel the warmth of the fires as they illuminate your mind, your heart and finally your spirit. *(pause 8 count)*

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky as they surge through you, lending strength and energy to your being. *(pause 8 count)*

Now join your hands, your hearts and your minds as one people. *(All participants join hands)*

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky as they surge through us,

lending strength and energy to one and all.  
As we open our eyes, know that we assemble as one folk to  
worship with a common purpose.

**All:**

May our worship be true.  
May our actions be just.  
May our love be pure.  
Blessings, honor and worship to the Holy Ones.

**Honoring Our Grove Patron (Grollwynn)**

Rider of the Maned Waves...

Protect us from the storms.

Guardian of the Threshold...

Guide us from all harm.

Magician of the Shoreline...

Bless us with your might.

Mist Weaver,

May you walk with us this night!

*A member of Whispering Lake Grove will prepare a special  
offering for the Grove Patron and give the offering at this time.*

*An offering is made to Manannan.*

Manannan, accept our offering!

**All:** Manannan, be welcome among us!

**PROCESSION (All in song)**

**In Song (Carrion)**

*Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
And court the Lady Fair*

*In the heat of their passion, passion*

*In the heat of their passion, passion*

*In the heat of their passion, passion*

*The corn will rise again*

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***Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.***

**1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE**

**STARTING THE RITE & ESTABLISHING THE GROUP MIND**

**CLEAR-CUT BEGINNING**

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**(Carrion)**

**Musical Signal- A drum beats 9 times.**

**Clear-cut Beginning (Eld Naðr)**

The days grow longer and the sun's power strengthens.

The green world blossoms with new life.

A warm wind blows across the fertile land, as the gentle rain  
nurtures the new growth. Tonight, we gather in this sacred place  
upon the Earth and beneath the Sky; cradled by the waters that  
surround us as we begin our worship.

**Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father**

**Earth Mother & Sky Father (Grollwynn)**

Primal Mothers of the Earth and Fathers of the Clear Sky

Forever, Mother and Father of all that was, of all that is and all  
that will be. Your children come before you in love and respect  
to honor you this night!

***An offering of corn meal and clarified butter is made to the  
Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers.***

Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers, accept our offering!

**All:** Earth Mother and Sky Father, be welcome among us!

### Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

#### **Bardic Inspiration (Carrion)**

Goddess of Inspiration & Poetry

Great Mother of Song & Music

May our words echo in the sacred well

May our hearts and minds burn with your eternal flame

May our songs resonate upon the wind

May you grant us the gift of inspiration and insight

**(Eld Naðr)** *An offering of cream & honey is placed in the offering bowl for Brighid.*

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

**All:** Brighid, be welcome among us!

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

#### Purpose of the Ritual (Eld Naðr)

Tonight we gather between the Earth and Sky.

To worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

To sing their praise and make our sacrifice.

As we seek their blessings in return.

We gather this night in celebration of the turning wheel.

Enjoying the sights and sounds of the greenworld around us.

Tonight we celebrate fertility, love and life,

As we honor the Primal Mothers and Fathers of all.

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

*Biodh se amhlaidh! (bee shay awlah)*

### CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

Outdwellers *(at the Southern fire the Sacrificer lays a token for the Outdwellers)* **(Raven)**

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!

Know the Mighty Tuatha will ward this place!

Their treasures will strike order from choas!

Driving all that is twisted and bent into the darkness.

Balor of the Evil Eye; King of the Fomorians,

who has dared to challenge the Might and Magic of the Tuatha.

You and your kin, primal bringers chaos and discord,

Hoards, whose screams and cries, harmonize not with our songs and praise.

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!

This time and place we claim as ours!

You may have held it in the past, you may hold it in the future, but for now,

Let it be known that it is OURS!

We have given to you all that we intend to give.

Take what has been laid beyond the fire's light

And trouble us not this night!

#### Purification of Participants & Space

*The aspersion bowl is filled by Eld Nadr. from the Well and the censor is kindled from the Fire by Moondragon. Ritual participants are cleansed with water from the well and purified with smoke from the censor. After the participants are cleansed and purified the Nemeton is cleansed and purified as the following power building chant is led by Raven.*

*With the powers to create and destroy.*

*And the strength to cleanse and purify.*

*When all participants have been purified Raven will step forward saying:*

**(Raven)**

Through the union of fire and water,  
Our Nemeton is made whole and holy!  
Once more we have met the threat of chaos with order and laid claim to this place. We have made sacred this space that we may worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE

RECREATING THE COSMOS & PRELIMINARY POWER RAISING

### THE SACRED CENTER

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#### Affirmation of Unity

**(Carrion)** 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 chant 3 times*

#### Establishing Sacred Time (Raven)

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.

#### FIRE, WELL & TREE (chant) (Carrion)

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Gate to the Shining Ones*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Our passage to the Sky*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Warmth of our Community*

*Spark of Life*

*We honor you now*

***Incense is offered to the fire. (Eld Naðr)***

*Well, deep Well*

*Gate to the Underworld*

*Well, deep Well*

*Our passage to the Sea*

*Well, deep Well*

*Wisdom of the Ancestors*

*Waters of Life*

*We honor you now*

***Silver is offered into the well. (Eld Naðr)***

*Tree, great Tree*

*Gate that reaches everywhere*

*Tree, great Tree*

*With you we share the Land*

*Tree, great Tree*

*Our passage to the Otherworld*

*Source of Life*

*We honor you now.*

*The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense. (Eld Naðr)*

*Words & music by Pandora*

## **COMPLETING THE COSMOLOGY**

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### **To Land, Sea & Sky (Raven)**

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**

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### **(Raven)**

Manannan MacLir, it is your might and magic that wards the threshold.

Grey Rider of Aonbarr, we ask for your protection as we walk through the mist this night.

Mighty Lord of the Crossroads, as we travel between the worlds of man and Sidhe may you part the mist before us.

**(Eld Naðr)** *Irish whiskey is offered to Manannan.*

Manannan MacLir, Mist Weaver, accept our offering!

**All:** Manannan, be welcome among us!

**(Carrion)** Let us raise our voices in song to the Gatekeeper!

*All in song*

*Gatekeeper open the portals,*

*Between the Gods and mortals,*

*Power freely flows, as our magic grows!*

*Repeat chant three times*

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**(Raven, Carrion & (Eld Naðr)**

Manannan, merge now your magick with ours!

**(Raven)**

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.

**(Carrion)**

See the mist arising from the well,

**(Eld Naðr)**

Flame and mist converging upon the tree.

Forming a meeting place between the realms

**(Raven)** *Striking a sigil or triskel over the fire*

Let the fire burning towards the heavens open as a gate that we may follow the way to the Shining Ones.

**(Carrion)** *Striking a sigil or triskel over the well*

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld open as a gate that we may follow the way to the Mighty Dead.

**(Eld Naðr)** *Striking a sigil or triskel upon the tree*

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, be open to us.

By the land before us!

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Raven)**

By the sky above us!

**(Raven)(Eld Naðr) Carrion)**

Let the Gates Be Open!

## GENERAL OFFERINGS TO AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRITS

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### **(Eld Naðr)**

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

### **(Eld Naðr)**

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.  
Mighty Sidhe, be welcome among us!

*Alcohol is offered. (Eld Naðr)*

### **(Grollwynn)**

Wise Ones of the Realm Below!  
Beloved Dead of blood and spirit; Ancestors of flesh and bone  
Great Cu Chulainn, Maeve and Finn  
Heros of myth and legend  
Mighty Ones, be welcome among us!

*Alcohol is offered. (Eld Naðr)*

### **(Moondragon)**

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!  
Shining Ones be welcome among us!

*Alcohol is offered. (Eld Naðr)*

*The alcohol is ignited in offering as it burns all will sing the following chant 3x. (Eld Naðr)*

### **(Carrion)**

*Gods and Dead and Mighty Sidhe  
Powers of Earth and Sky and Sea*

*By Fire and Well, by Sacred Tree  
Offerings We Make to Ye*

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Kindred, accept our offerings!

**All:** Kindred, be welcome among us!

### **3<sup>RD</sup> PHASE**

## MAJOR SENDING OF POWER TO DEITIES OF THE OCCASION

### HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

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**(Carrion)** And now we raise our voices in song to the Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers.

#### *All in song*

*Earth Mothers, We sing to your body,  
Earth Mothers, We sing to your bones,  
Earth Mothers, We honor your body,  
Earth Mothers, We honor your stones.*

*(lyrics and music written by an unknown author)*

*Sky Fathers, We sing to your spirit,  
Sky Fathers, We sing to your light,  
Sky Fathers, We honor your spirit,  
Sky Fathers, We honor your might,  
(lyrics by Scaan Glass)*

*Your children, We gather before you,  
Your children, Together we call,  
Your children, We honor your presence,  
Your children, Look to us all.*

*(lyrics by Raven and Carrion Mann)*

**Earth Mother Invocation (Carrion)**

We are the blossoms in the springtime  
And the ground beneath your feet.

We are the valleys and the woodlands  
And the waters of the streams.

We are the caverns deep within  
And the vessels of rebirth.

We are the chaos of potential  
And the sovereignty of the land.

Earth Mothers of the Irish Celts,  
Your children call you near,  
As we honor you this day.  
*An offering of flowers and milk is made.*  
Earth Mothers, accept our offering!  
Earth Mothers, be welcome among us!

**Sky Father Invocation (Raven)**

We are the spark of all creation  
And the clear sky overhead.

We are the rain that falls to Earth  
And the first among our kin.

We are the rulers of the sunshine  
And the law upon the land.

We are the order of the cosmos.  
And the fire deep within.

Sky Fathers of the Irish Celts,  
Your children call you near,  
As we honor you this day!  
*An offering of silver and hard alcohol is made.*  
Sky Fathers, accept our offering!  
Sky Fathers, be welcome among us!

**PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS**

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**(Carrion)** At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to the Earth Mothers, Sky Fathers and the season. *(Once all individual praise offerings have been made to the Deities of the Occasion the Group will offer praise)*

**Seasonal Enactment**

**(Raven)**

In ancient times the need fires dotted the hill tops on May Eve. The Beltaine fires of old were kindled of nine sacred woods. In honor of these ancient fires we now offer nine sacred woods as sacrifice as we light our need fire.

**(Eld Naðr)** *An offering of nine sacred woods is made.*

**(Eld Naðr)** The Ancients, our Ancestors, would purify themselves, in, between and over these fires to prepare for the season of fertility. We no longer purify ourselves within the fire, but we invite you now to dance between the fires in celebration of the coming season.

**(Carrion)**

Let us dance together once more upon the Earth and beneath the Sky that the power raised here this day may strengthen and sustain our honored guests.

*A drum beat begins and all have an opportunity to be purified between the fires.*

## PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

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### **(Raven)**

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;  
We honor Deities, as they walk among us.  
Through communication with the Otherworld;  
We receive their guidance, inspiration and insight.  
Tonight we call out from the crossroads to our guests of honor!  
As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

***The final sacrifice is prepared. (Eld Naðr)***

### **(Eld Naðr)**

It is in love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality  
to our guests this night.

We have sung their praise; made our sacrifice.

It is our hope that our words and sacrifice have conveyed our  
love.

We call once more through the Gates and deep within the  
Otherworld that all shall know of our devotion.

Eldest and Brightest, we honor you.

***The final sacrifice is made.***

Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers, accept our sacrifice!

**All:** Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers, accept our sacrifice!

## THE OMEN

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### **(Raven)(Eld Naðr)**

***The Omen is taken by drawing three Ogham. The seer then interprets the omen asking if our sacrifice and offerings have been accepted. The Seer then leads the company to contemplate the blessings/warnings of the omen from the Deities of the Occasion. While the omen is being taken Carrion will lead all present in the following chant.***

### **(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song as Brighid reveals her will.

### ***In song***

*Come druid all, ovates andseers*

*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)*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> PHASE

### RECEIVING AND USING THE RETURN POWER

## CALLING FOR THE BLESSING **(Raven)** **(Carrion)**

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***Two pitchers will be filled and sat in the midst of the hallows.***

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

**(Raven)** 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.

**(Raven)** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**All:** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

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

**(Raven)** Once again, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**All:** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!



**(Carrion)** We have brought our offerings. We have made sacrifice.

**(Raven)** One last time, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**All:** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**(Eld Naðr)** *The pitchers are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

## **HALLOWING OF THE WATERS**

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**(Eld Naðr)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Raven)** Shining Ones hear and bless us.

**(Carrion)** Great Goddesses of Sovereignty, hallow these waters of life.

**(Raven)** Great Gods of the Clear Sky, hallow these waters of life.

**(Eld Naðr)** *lifts the pitchers before the participants.*

**(Eld Naðr)** Behold the Waters of Life!

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

## **AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS**

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**(Eld Naðr)** Now Good folk, do you wish to receive the blessings of our honored guests? \_\_\_\_\_. Then we shall drink deep the blessings of the Primal Mothers and Fathers of all living things!

*The Waters are passed (Chris T. & Moondragon) and all participants share the waters. As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.*

**(Carrion)** As we receive the blessing of the Shining Ones let us raise our voices in song.

*In song*

*Back to the River, back to the Sea*

*Back to the Ocean, home to thee*

*Back through my blood, back through my veins.*

*Back to my heartbeat, all the same.*

*(By Abbi Spinner)*

*Repeat until the horns have been passed to all participants.*

## **5<sup>th</sup> PHASE**

### **UNWINDING AND ENDING THE CEREMONY**

## **THANKING THE BEINGS**

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**(Moondragon)** Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest, Wisest and Mightiest of the realms. May you continue to protect, guide and bless us as we walk this path. Kindred we thank you for the knowledge and blessings 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.

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

**(Carrion)** Lady Brigid, Great Mother of Song and Music. We thank you for your blessings of inspiration and eloquence. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

## **CLOSING THE GATES**

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**(Raven)** Manannan MacLir, Weaver of Gray Mists; we thank you for your protection and guidance as we have walked between the worlds this night. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

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

**(Raven)**

Manannan Mac Lir, Great Guardian of the Threshold, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

**(Raven)**

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.

**(Eld Naðr)**

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

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Raven)**

By the sky above us!

**(Raven Mann)(Eld Naðr)(Carrion Mann)**

Let the Gates be closed!

### THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

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**(Raven)** Great Fathers of the Sky, may you continue to show us the way to courage and right. Bright Fathers 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 until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Carrion)** Ancient Ones of Ever Changing Beauty, may you continue to renew and sustain us. Primal Mothers of the Tuatha, we thank you for all life. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Eld Naðr)** 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

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#### Unmerging, Regrounding & Recentering: Meditation

**(Moondragon)** Good folk, join me once more as we close our eyes; breathing deeply in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 2 count)**.

As the mighty oak is part of the forest, we are all part of the great circle of life. Remember the blessings we have received together this night **(pause)**.

As we stand between Earth and Sky

Once more feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth

Know that below us flows the primal waters.

Once more feel the coolness of the waters that have pooled within your belly, within your heart and finally, within your head. **(pause 4 count)**

Reaching high into the sky above

Feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens.

Know that above us burns the primal fires.

Once more feel the warmth of the fires that have illuminated your mind, your heart and finally your spirit. **(pause 4 count)**

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky surging through you, as they have given strength and energy to your being. **(pause 4 count)**

Keep of this power what you need, sending what remains forth from our beings into the Great Lake **(pause)**. See this energy heal and protect her as we conclude our worship.

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

**(Carrion)**

Musical Signal- *A drum beats 9 times.*

**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.

Recessional Song

**(Carrion)** Once more may we now raise our voices in song as we leave our Nemeton.

***In Song***

*Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
And court the Lady Fair*

*In the heat of their passion, passion  
In the heat of their passion, passion  
In the heat of their passion, passion  
The corn will rise again*

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***Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.***

***Special Thanks To:***

***All who attended, participated and shared in our Beltaine celebration.***

***Stone Creed Grove, ADF for the chants***

*Come the Lord of the Greenwood and Gods and Dead and  
Mighty Sidhe.*

***Liafal for the The Gatekeeper Chant***

***Ceisiwr Serith for the text for recreating the cosmos.***

***Pandora for the Fire, Well & Tree chant***

***Abbi Spinner for the chant Back to the River***

***The unknown author of Deep Peace.***

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