

Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



Beltaine Solitary Ritual

PREPARATION

ATTUNEMENT

Closing my eyes, I take a few deep cleansing breaths.

Breathing in through my nose and out through my mouth.

In through my nose and out through my mouth.

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

I now stand between Earth and Sky

I feel my feet firmly resting upon the Earth

I know that below me flows the primal waters

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

Allowing the primal waters to enter my being.

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

Reaching high into the sky above

I feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens

I know that above me burns the primal fires

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

Allowing the primal fire to enter my being.

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

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

As I open my eyes, I know that I to worship with a common purpose.

May my worship be true.

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

Honoring Our Grove Patron

Rider of the Maned Waves...
Protect me from the storms.
Guardian of the Threshold...
Guide me from all harm.
Magician of the Shoreline...
Bless me with your might.
Mist Weaver,
May you walk with me this night!
An offering is made to Manannan.
Manannan, accept my offering!
Manannan, be welcome here!

PROCESSION

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)*

1ST PHASE

STARTING THE RITE & ESTABLISHING THE GROUP MIND

CLEAR-CUT BEGINNING

OPENING PRAYERS

Musical Signal- *A bell chimes nine times.*

Clear-cut Beginning

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, I gather in this sacred place upon the Earth and beneath the Sky; cradled by the waters that surround me as I begin my worship.

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother & Sky Father

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 child comes before you in love and respect to honor you this night!
An offering is made to the Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers.
Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers, accept my offering!
Earth Mother and Sky Father, be welcome here!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Bardic Inspiration

Goddess of Inspiration & Poetry
Great Mother of Song & Music
May my words echo in the sacred well
May my heart and mind burn with your eternal flame
May my songs resonate upon the wind
May you grant me the gift of inspiration and insight
An offering is placed in the offering bowl for Brighid.
Lady Brighid, accept my offering!
Brighid, be welcome here!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose of the Ritual

Tonight I gather between the Earth and Sky.
To worship and honor the Kindred.
To sing their praise and make my sacrifice.
As I seek their blessings in return.

I gather this night in celebration of the turning wheel.
Enjoying the sights and sounds of the greenworld around me.
Tonight I celebrate fertility, love and life,
As I honor the Primal Mothers and Fathers of all.

May all who gather this eve be welcome!
Biodh se amhlaidh! (bee shay awlah)

CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

Outdwellers *(at the Southern fire a token for the Outdwellers)*

Beings of chaos and discord!
Hoards, whose minds know not rest and whose spirits know not peace.
To all those whose screams and cries, harmonize not with our songs and praise.
Know that this time and place I claim as mine!
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 MINE!
I have given to you all that I intend to give.
May order reign and chaos trouble not my gathering!

Purification of Participants & Space

The aspersion bowl is filled from the Well and the censer is kindled from the Fire. The participant and Nemeton are cleansed with water from the well and purified with smoke from the censer.

*With the powers to create and destroy.
And the strength to cleanse and purify.*

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

2ND PHASE

RECREATING THE COSMOS & PRELIMINARY POWER RAISING

THE SACRED CENTER

Affirmation of Unity

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

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)

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.

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.

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.

Words & music by Pandora

COMPLETING THE COSMOLOGY

To Land, Sea & Sky

The waters support and surround me.

The land extends about me.

The sky stretches above me.

And at the center burns a living flame.

Let me pray with a good fire.

May all the Kindred bless me.

May my worship be true.

May my actions be just.

May my love be pure.

Blessings and honor and worship to the holy ones.

Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith

OPENING THE GATES

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

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

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

An offering is made to Manannan.

Manannan MacLir, Mist Weaver, accept my offering and be welcome here!

Manannan, merge now your magick with mine!

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.

See the mist arising from the well,

Flame and mist converging upon the tree.
Forming a meeting place between the realms

Striking a triskel over the fire

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

Striking a triskel over the well

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

Striking a triskel upon the tree

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, be open to me.
By the land before me!
By the seas about me!
By the sky above me!
Let the Gates Be Open!

GENERAL OFFERINGS TO AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRITS

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

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 here!

An offering is made to the Nature Spirits.

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 here!

An offering is made to the Ancestors.

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 here!

An offering is made to the Shining Ones.

Kindred, accept my offerings and be welcome here!

3RD PHASE

MAJOR SENDING OF POWER TO DEITIES OF THE OCCASION

HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

Earth Mother Invocation

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 child calls you near,

As I honor you this day.

An offering is made to the Earth Mothers.

Earth Mothers, accept my offering!

Earth Mothers, be welcome here!

Sky Father Invocation

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.

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Sky Fathers of the Irish Celts,
Your child calls you near,
As I honor you this day!

An offering is made to the Sky Fathers.

Sky Fathers, accept my offering!
Sky Fathers, be welcome here!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

At this time you may bring forth any offering of praise to the Earth Mothers/Sky Fathers and the Season of Fertility.

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

Through my praise, love and sacrifice;
I honor the Earth Mothers & Sky Fathers, as they walk with me
this day.

Through communication with the Otherworld;
I receive there guidance, inspiration and insight.

Tonight I call out from the crossroads to my guests of honor!
As I prepare to make my final sacrifice.

The final sacrifice is prepared.

It is in love, honor and respect that I have offered hospitality to
my guests.

I have sung there praise; made my sacrifice.

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

I call once more through the Gates and deep within the
Otherworld that they shall know of my devotion.

Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers, I honor you.

The final sacrifice is made.

Earth Mothers and Sky Fathers, accept my sacrifice!

THE OMEN

***The Omen is taken by drawing three Ogham or other Divination
tool and interpreted.***

4th PHASE

RECEIVING AND USING THE RETURN POWER

CALLING FOR THE BLESSING (Raven) (Carrion)

As in the ways of old I have given my gifts freely and as in the
ways of old a gift is given unto me in return.

I will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings
of health, wealth and wisdom be mine.

Shining Ones, your blessings upon me!

I gather with you between Earth and Sky. I am proud to call
myself your people.

Shining Ones, your blessings upon me!

I have brought my offerings. I have made sacrifice.

Shining Ones, your blessings upon me!

The cup is lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.

HALLOWING OF THE WATERS

Behold the Waters of Life!

Shining Ones, hear and bless me.

Earth Mothers, hallow these waters of life.

Sky Fathers, hallow these waters of life.

The cup is raised once more.

Behold the Waters of Life!

AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

In Song

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.

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5TH PHASE

UNWINDING AND ENDING THE CEREMONY

THANKING THE BEINGS

Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest, Wisest and Mightiest of the realms. May you continue to protect, guide and bless me as I walk this path. Kindred I thank you for the knowledge and blessings you have shared with me. **(a final token is offered to each of the 3 Kindred)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Kindred, I thank you!

Lady Brighid, Great Mother of Song and Music. I 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.

(a final token is offered)

Brighid, I thank you!

CLOSING THE GATES

Manannan MacLir, Weaver of Gray Mists; I thank you for your protection and guidance as I 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
Manannan, I thank you!

Manannan Mac Lir, Great Guardian of the Threshold, I 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.

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

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, become but wood.

By the land before me!

By the seas about me!

By the sky above me!

Let the Gates be closed!

THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

Great Fathers of the Sky, may you continue to show me the way to courage and right. Bright Fathers of the Gael, I thank you for the strength and healing warmth you have given me. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Sky Fathers, I thank you!

Ancient Ones of Ever Changing Beauty, may you continue to renew and sustain me. Primal Mother s of the Tuatha, I 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.

Earth Mothers, I thank you!

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

STATEMENT OF ENDING

Unmerging, Regrounding & Recentering: Meditation

Once more I close my eyes; breathing deeply in through my nose and out through my 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. I will remember the blessings I have received this night **(pause)**.

As I stand between Earth and Sky

Once more I feel my feet firmly resting upon the Earth

I know that below me flows the primal waters.

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

Reaching high into the sky above

I feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens.

I know that above me burns the primal fires.

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

I feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky surging through me, as they have given strength and energy to my being. **(pause 4 count)**

I keep of this power what I need, sending what remains forth from my being into the Great Lake **(pause)**. I see this energy heal and protect her as I conclude my worship.

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

Musical Signal- *A bell chimes 9 times.*

I will keep the faith until the sky falls upon me and crushes me; until the earth opens and swallows me; until the seas arises and overwhelm me.

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