

Whispering Lake Grove
A.D.F.



Eostre

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6:00 PM

PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Grollwynn)

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 (Raven)

For our Ancestors the Sea was a place of danger and mystery. For those, who dared to travel upon the waves, they knew that each journey may be their last, as fierce storms and unforgiving waves swept over them. But, born from the Sea was Manannan Mac Lir to calm the waves and quiet the storms.

As our Ancestors once did, we call this eve upon the Son of the Sea and Patron of Whispering Lake Grove that he may continue to guide and protect us as we navigate the storms of our lives.

(Member) will prepare a special offering for the Grove Patron and give the offering at this time.

Manannan Mac Lir, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, be welcome among us!

PROCESSION

In Song (Carrion)

Come we now as a people

To gather together at the sacred well

Come we now as a people

To gather in the warmth and the light of the flame

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Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.

1ST PHASE

STARTING THE RITE & ESTABLISHING THE GROUP MIND CLEAR-CUT BEGINNING

OPENING PRAYERS

(Eld Na(d)r)

Musical Signal- *A Thonar's Hammer strikes the anvil 9 times.*

Clear-cut Beginning (Carrion)

Winter's icy grasp wanes upon Midgard **(pause)**

The world wakes beneath the ice and snow.

Cool winds whistle across the awakening land **(pause)**

While chaos begins to loosen its grip upon us.

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother (Moondragon)

kneeling at the well

Ancient One of ever changing beauty

Primal Mother of Gods and Men

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!

Sky Father (Eld Na(d)r)

standing at the sacred fire arms outstretched to the sky.

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!

(Moondragon)(Eld Na(d)r)

Great Earth Mother and Sky Father,

Through your sacred union springs forth all life!

Mother and Father of all that was, of all that is and all that will be.

We come before you in love and respect and ask that you uphold and bless our gathering!

White bread & Clarified butter is offered upon the fire to the Earth Mother & Sky Father.

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

All: Earth Mother and Sky Father, All Hail and Welcome!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration (Grollwynn)

We call upon the Skald of Valhall

Most eloquent God of poetry and song

And Herald of Wodan's Great Hall

Oh, welcomer of the Einherjar

Bless us with your inspiration and eloquence this night!

An offering of honey is placed in the offering bowl for Brego.

Brego, accept our offering!

All: Brego, All Hail and Welcome!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Raven)

Eostre was the time our Ancestors gathered to celebrate the returning warmth and light of the sun. For the Ancients the sights and sounds of Spring's return guaranteed the end of the long dark.

As our Ancestors once did, so too do we gather this night one with another to celebrate the returning warmth and light of the sun. We gather to welcome the rebirth of the natural world around us and to worship and honor the Kindred as one people that the blessings of

health, wealth and wisdom might be ours.

Good Folk, know this night our honored guests, Frowe and Fro Ing, Divine Twins of the Van and Eostre, Great Goddess of Spring's Renewal will walk with us once more and also know that on this night Old Man Winter will meet his match.

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!

CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

Outdwellers (at the Southern fire the Sacrificer lays a token for the Outdwellers) (Eld Na(d)r)

Beings of chaos and discord!

Hoard, 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 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.

May order reign and chaos trouble not our gathering!

Purification of Participants & Space

The aspersion bowl is filled by Moondragon, from the Well and the censor is kindled from the Fire by Grollwynn 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 and time
that we may worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

2ND PHASE

RECREATING THE COSMOS & PRELIMINARY POWER RAISING

THE SACRED CENTER

Affirmation of Unity

(Grollwynn)

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 (Carrion)

In the beginning and so too in the end; there was but fire and ice
And between them a vast emptiness.

To the North laid the ice and snow, frigid winds and fearsome
storms ravaged the land.

To the South burned the fires, molten and glowing the dancing
flames consumed all before them.

In the vast emptiness the warm breath mingled with the ice. The
warm winds began to melt the ice and tiny drops of water began to
form. Within the tiny drops of water new life began to stir and the

powers to destroy life became the powers that created it.

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

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

Invocation to the Gatekeeper (Carrion)

Hail the High One...
Hanged God of the Heavens!
Wield the wild that rushes our hearts and minds...
Wisdom whirls upon the wind.

Mighty Magician of the Dead...
Master of Fury's March

First Father of the Folk...
We call forth your protection!

Wanderer, walk with us between the worlds...
We travel this night!

A dark ale is offered to Wodan . (Eld Naðr)

Wodan, accept our offering!

All: Wodan, All Hail and Welcome!

(Carrion) Let us now sing our praise to Wodan.

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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Opening the Gates

(Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)

Wodan, 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 the hammer sign 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 the hammer sign 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 the hammer sign 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

(EldNa(d)r)

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

(Grollwynn)

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld
Protectors of this sacred ground.
Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights,
Be welcome among us!

Seeds are offered. (Eld Naðr)

(Moondragon)

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!
Beloved Dead of blood and spirit
Ancestors of flesh and bone
Alfar and Disir, be welcome among us!

Red Eggs are offered. (Eld Naðr)

(Eld Naðr)

Eldest and Brightest of Asgard!
Deities of Might and Magic
Bringers of life, death and rebirth.
Mighty Aesir and Bountiful Vanir
Shining Ones be welcome among us!

German Beer is offered. (Eld Naðr)

(Carrion) Let us now raise our voices in song to the Kindred.
*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.*

Repeat chant 3x

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Mighty Kindred, accept our offerings!
All: Mighty Kindred, All Hail and Welcome!

3RD PHASE

MAJOR SENDING OF POWER TO DEITIES OF THE OCCASION

HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

Invocation to Frowe and Fro Ing (Raven)

Ruler of the Rain and Sun...
Radiant Bride of Asgard.
Mistress of Mystery and Magic...
Mighty Bringer of Peace and Plenty
Gather with us at the Gates this night...
Great Lord and Lady of the Van.
We welcome winters end...
Walk with us as the wheel turns once more
Bring forth fertility to this frozen land...

Free the folk from the darkness!

(Eld Naðr) *Bread and German Beer are offered into the fire for Fro Ing and Frowe .*

Frowe and Fro Ing, accept our offering!

All: Frowe and Fro Ing, All Hail and Welcome!

Invocation to Eostre (Carrion)

Great Goddess of the Growing Green...

Granter of Youthful Beauty

Shining Light of the Sun's rise...

Shaper of new beginnings

Gather with us at the Gates this night...

Graceful maiden of Springtime

We welcome winters end...

Walk with us as the wheel turns once more

Bring forth fertility to this frozen land...

Free the folk from the darkness!

(Eld Naðr) *Hot crossed buns are offered to Eostre .*

Eostre, accept our offering!

All: Eostre, All Hail and Welcome!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

(Carrion) At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to Eostre, Frowe and Fro Ing and the season. *(Once all personal praise offerings have been made to the Deity of the Occasion the Group will offer praise)*

Group Praise Offering/Seasonal Enactment

(Raven) Good Folk, long has the snow laid deep upon our land. Long has the icy chill gripped our hearts and long has the deep dark gripped our minds.

For too long Old Man Winter has held sway over the land, but tonight his reign has ended.

Tonight we celebrate the growing light and the coming of Spring. Tonight we celebrate for the tribe has survived another long dark and the horn has yet to sound.

(Holding up Old Man Winter) Behold, Old Man Winter!

Grolhwynn will move to the Southern fire and pick up the lamp to ward chaos moving before the participants as they drive Old Man Winter to his place of final sacrifice. Two members of the company will stay behind to light the candles that have been prepared.

We will enter the land of chaos, but it will hold no sway upon us for before us we carry a flame of the sacred fire.

Good folk, join with me now as we give Old Man Winter his just due. Join with me this eve as we drive him beyond the fire's light.

Raven will toss Old Man Winter into the ritual space. Participants will start kicking and beating Old Man Winter about the room and out of the Nemeton and into the parking lot.

Once outside...

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

(Raven)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We honor our guests, 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.

Eostre, Frowe and Fro Ing, we honor you.

***The final sacrifice is made. Eld Na(d)r will take Old Man
Winter and drowned him in a well and finally burn him. As
all participants witness his end in silence.***

Eostre, Frowe and Fro Ing, accept our sacrifice!

All: Eostre, Frowe and Fro Ing, accept our sacrifice!

***Participants chant the following as they return to the
Nemeton.***

(Carrion)

Join me as we return to our Nemeton, once more let us raise
our voices in song as our honored guests reveal their will.

In song

Goddesses and Gods

Hear us call

Aesir and Vanir

Bless us all

By you might, by your main

Give to us, o High Ones

Peace and Good Harvest

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THE OMEN

(Raven)(Eld Naðr)

*The Omen is taken by drawing three Runes. 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.*

4TH PHASE

RECEIVING AND USING THE RETURN POWER

CALLING FOR THE BLESSING (Raven)(Carrion)

*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

(Eld Naðr) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Shining Ones hear and bless us.
(Carrion) Eostre, Radiant Goddess of the Dawn, hallow these Waters of Life.
(Raven) Frowe and Fro Ing, Most Divine Twins of the Van, hallow these Waters of Life.
(Eld Naðr) *lifts the ptichers before the participants.*
(Eld Naðr) Behold the Waters of Life!
All: Behold the Waters of Life!

AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

(Eld Naðr) Now Good folk, do you wish to receive the blessings our honored guest have for us this night? _____. Then we shall drink deep their blessings!
The Waters are passed (Eld Na(d)r & Moondragon) and all participants share the waters. As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.

(Grollwynn) As we receive the blessing let us raise our voices in song.

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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Repeat until the horns have been passed to all participants.

5TH PHASE

UNWINDING AND ENDING THE CEREMONY

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Carrion) Great Goddess of Spring's renewal. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May all that sleeps be renewed with

the returning warmth and light. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Eostre, we thank you!

(Raven) Frowe and Fro Ing, Brilliant Lord and Lady of the Van. May you continue to bring your fertility and magic into your lives. Bright Twins, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token of herbs to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Frowe and Fro Ing, we thank you!

(Eld Naðr) Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds. Aesir and Vanir; Alfir and Disir and Alfs, House Ghost and Wights. 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!

(Grollwynn) Brego, Great Skald of the Halls of Valhalla. God of Poetry and Song. 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.

All: Brego, we thank you!

CLOSING THE GATES

(Carrion) Wodan, Wise Wanderer of the Worlds; we thank you for your protection and guidance this night. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

All: Wodan, we thank you!

(Carrion)

Wodan, Mighty Warder of the Way, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

(Raven) Striking the hammer sign over the fire

Let the fire burning towards the heavens once more become but flames.

(Carrion) Striking the hammer sign over the well

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

(Eld Naðr) Striking the hammer sign upon the tree

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

(Eld Naðr) Ancient Mystery of the Sky, may you continue to show us the way to courage and right. Bright Father of the Aesir, we thank you for your sacrifice. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Sky Father, we thank you!

(Moondragon) Primal Mother of Earth, may you continue to grant us peace and plenty. Ancient Mother, 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 Mother, 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

(Grollwynn) 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 ash 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!

(Eld Naðr)

Musical Signal- *A Thor's Hammer strikes the anvil 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 arises and overwhelm us.

Recessional Song

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

CHORUS

*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 Moon Dragon; music by Raven of the Sorrows)

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