

Whispering Lake Grove ADF

Presents



Harvest Tide
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6:00 PM

PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Chris T.)

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)*

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 (Carrion)

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.

We now call forth one among us in his honor...

Eld Na(d)r 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)

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)

Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.

1ST PHASE

STARTING THE RITE & ESTABLISHING THE GROUP MIND

CLEAR-CUT BEGINNING

OPENING PRAYERS

(Moondragon)

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

(Moondragon)

(Hammer strike) Urd record the passing of our work!

(Hammer strike) Verdandi watch over our work as it occurs!

(Hammer strike) Skuld bless the work we have yet to complete!

Words by Wolf of Winter Night

Clear-cut Beginning (Raven)

Once more the sun's power wanes upon Midgard as the season of change is upon us. A cool wind begins to blow across the dying land, as the dark hand of chaos begins to tighten its grip.

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother (Eld Na(d)r)

Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth

First and Eldest of the Van

You who cradles the World Tree in your loving embrace

Ancient Mother of Midgard

As children of the Earth and Sky,

May our weapons be sheathed

May our thoughts be of peace

May our fields yield plenty

Nerthus, we call upon the life-giving magic of the Earth!

standing at the sacred fire arms outstretched to the sky.

Sky Father (Moondragon)

Tyr, Ancient Mystery of the Sky

Boldest and most courageous of the Aesir

You who makes fertile the Earth with your seed
Bright Father of Midgard
As children of the Earth and Sky,
May we show courage in our battles
May we seek to do right by our kith and kin
May we learn the meaning of true sacrifice through your guidance.
Tyr, we call upon the illuminating power of the Sky!

(Moondragon)(Eld Naðr)

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
Sky Father.*

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

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

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

(Raven) *Eld Naðr will bring the offering to Raven.*

You traveled afar to Gunnlod's court.

The blood of Kvasir (Kvah-seer) your quest.

A giant, a snake and three sips of the brew,

And the treasure of Suttung (Soot-ung) was yours.

You cunningly took what was stolen by force

And to Asgard on eagles wings flew.

Returning to the Gods, a most precious gift

That is shared with the folk at your will.

(Carrion)

But without chaos; order can not be

Blood brothers forever Mighty Odin and Sly Loki.

We offer this night a portion to chaos

That order may assume its rightful place.

*Carrion taking the offering from Raven will offer one quarter
of Odin's mead to Loki and then the honey is returned to
Raven.*

(Raven)

Mighty All-Father of the Aesir

Winner, keeper and giver of the Mead of Poetry

Pour down your mead upon us this night

That our songs and praise may echo throughout the nine
worlds.

(Raven) *The remaining mead is offered to Odin*

Odin, One-Eyed Wanderer, accept our offering!

All: Odin, All Hail and Welcome!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Raven)

Purpose of the Ritual

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one folk;

To worship and honor the Kindred as one people;

We have assembled our kith, kin and clan beneath the Sky;

To make sacrifice to the Kindred; receiving their blessings in
return.

We join together this eve to celebrate the Feast of Harvest Tide
And to honor to the spinners, who have woven our paths together.
Tonight we honor Beloved Frigga; Protectress of Hearths and
Homes, Queen of the Norns and Bringer of Light and Life to our
families in the darkness of winter.

This eve shall we remember the challenges we have faced and all
that we have accomplished this year.

Historical Precedent (Raven)

"The Three Norns"

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

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

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!
Know that Mighty Thor will ward this place!
Mjollnir will strike order from choas!
Driving all that is twisted and bent into the darkness.

Loki, sly-one, who has dared to share the fire's light.
You and your brood, Fenrir, Jormungand and Hel,
Hoards, whose minds know not rest and whose spirits know not peace.
To Ragnarok you will battle with the Aesir and the Folk.

Trolls, primal bringers of choas;
Etins of the mountains and those of fire and ice.
Lurkers at the edge of the scared fire's light.
Those 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 aspersing bowl is filled by **Moondragon**, from the Well and the censor is kindled from the Fire by **Chris T**. 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 Mann)

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

(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 (Carrion)

In the beginning so too in the end; there was but fire and ice
And between them a vast emptiness.
To the North the ice and snow of Niflheim, frigid winds and
fearsome storms ravaged the land.
To the South the fires of Muspell, molten and glowing the dancing
flames consumed all that lay before them.
In the vast emptiness the warm breath of Muspell mingled with the
ice of Niflheim. 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 (Raven)

Heimdall, Son of the Nine Waves; Father of Mankind
It is your might and magic that wards the threshold.
White Lord of the Crossroads; Sounder of Gjallarhorn
It is your warning that all will hear before Ragnarok.

Mighty Watchman of the Gods, this night we ask for your protection and guidance as we travel between Midgard and Asgard.

A offering of German beer and bread is made . (Eld Naðr)

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, accept our offering!

All: Heimdall, All Hail and Welcome!

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

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)

Heimdall, 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

(Moondragon)

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!

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights,

Be welcome among us!

Alcohol is offered. (Eld Naðr)

(Chris T.)

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Alfar and Disir, be welcome among us!

Alcohol is 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!

Alcohol is offered. (Eld Naðr)

The alcohol is ignited in offering. (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

Frigga (Carrion)

Warder of warriors
Weaver of the web
Weilder of spindle
Keener for the Dead

Woman of the Waters
Shaper of the Worlds
Watcher of the Home fire
Keeper of the Hearth.

Weaver of our Fate
Protectress of our walls

Beloved Frigga, Great Mother of the Aesir, accept our offering!
All: Frigga, All Hail and Welcome!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

(Raven) At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to Frigga. *(Once all personal praise offerings have been made to the Deities of the Occasion the Group will offer praise)*

Group Praise Offering/Seasonal Enactment (Raven)

Weaving together a community is much like the Norns weaving the web of fate for it touches us all. As we weave our own web this eve, let us remember the challenges of the past, celebrate what we have built in the here and now, and look forward to all we will accomplish in the future.

Moondragon will begin to weave the web throughout the community as Carrion leads the following chant.

Weaver, weaver, we are weaving the web of life.

Weaver, weaver, we are weaving the web of life.

Spirit weaver, bone weaver, breath weaver, stone weaver

We are weaving the web of life.

Spirit weaver, bone weaver, breath weaver, stone weaver

We are weaving the web of life.

(1994 Deirdre Pulgram Arthen, Andras Corban Arthen, Aine Arthen)

(Raven)

The true strength of a community is its diversity. Each of us brings our own uniqueness to this web. It is indeed what makes us strong. We have woven our own web of fate this eve under the watchful eye of Beloved Frigga. But, the weaving of this web began long before tonight! This web is but a physical symbol of the work of our community. If a strand of this web is plucked, each of us is touched by the vibrations, some more than others, but touched all the same. We can not take this symbol with us,

but we can each take a piece of it. May we remember the work of our community and the fate we have woven together this night.

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

(Raven)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
We our 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.

Shining Ones, accept our sacrifice!

All: Shining Ones, accept our sacrifice!

Participants chant the following, sending their energies through the gates.

(Carrion)

Let us raise our voices in song as the gods reveal their 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)

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) (Moondragon)

***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.

(Moondragon) 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!

(Moondragon) 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!

(Moondragon) 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.

(Moondragon) Beloved Frigga, Protectress of Hearth and Home 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

(Eld Naðr) Now Good folk, do you wish to receive the blessings Frigga has for us this night? _____. Then we shall drink deep their blessings!

The Waters are passed (Chris T. & Chris F.) 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.

5TH PHASE

UNWINDING AND ENDING THE CEREMONY

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Carrion) Beloved Frigga, Great Mother of the Aesir and Weaver of the Web of Fate, we thank you for spinning your magic here is 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: Frigga, we thank you!

(Chris T.) Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds. Aesir and Vanir; Alfar 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!

(Raven) Odin, Winner, Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry, may you continue to pour down your divine treasure upon us. Great One-Eyed Wanderer, we thank you for your blessings of inspiration and eloquence. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Odin, we thank you!

CLOSING THE GATES

(Raven) Heimdall, Mighty Watchman of the Gods; 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: Heimdall, we thank you!

(Raven)

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, 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

(Moondragon) Mighty Tyr, 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: Tyr, we thank you!

(Eld Na(d)r) Nerthus, 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: Nerthus, 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

Unmerging, Regrounding & Recentering: Meditation

(Chris T.) 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!

(Moondragon)

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 arise and overwhelm us.

Recessional Song

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

Walk With Wisdom

Walk with wisdom, from this hallowed place

Walk not in sorrow, our roots shall ere embrace.

May strength be your brother, and honor be your friend,

And luck be your lover, until we meet again.

Words and music by Sable

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