

Whispering Lake Grove ADF

Presents



Harvest Tide
September 23, 2007
6:00 PM

PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (*Eld Naðr*)

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*)

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
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 (Raven)

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

In Song (Grollwynn)

*Through time and tide, through waters wide
by blood and bone, by stock and stone
by breath and breeze, by fire that frees*

(Words by Diana Paxson, Music by Frigga Asraat)

Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.

1ST PHASE

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

OPENING PRAYERS

(The Norns)

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

(Carrion) Striking the Anvil 3 times.

I am Urd recorder of all that has come to pass.

(Isaura) Striking the Anvil 3 times.

I am Verdandi shaper of all that is becoming.

(Chris G.) Striking the Anvil 3 times.

I am Skuld weaver of all that will be.

Clear-cut Beginning

(Carrion) This night we stand beneath the Yggdrasill and before the Well of Urd. Your Wyrd woven one with another by your own hand.

Who among you dares to face the Wyrd of your past deeds.

(Isaura) Who among you dares to face the Wyrd of the present, woven from your past.

(Chris G.) And finally, who among you has the courage to face that which has yet to be woven.

Song (Carrion)(Isaura)(Chris G.)

Look into the well of memory

Look into the well of time

Look into the well of ages

I am yours, You are mine.

*Listen to the ancient stories
Listen to the ancient songs
Listen to the ancient wisdom
I go on, You go on*

*Deep within your hearts are beating
Deep within are hearts we know
Our descendants will remember
Our love flows, Your love flows.
(Words & music by Emerald)*

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother (*Isaura*)

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 (*Grollwynn*)

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!

(Isaura)(Grollwynn)

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 my 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 (Grollwynn)

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 the Norns, 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) (Eld Naðr)

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 Isaura. from the Well and the censor is kindled from the Fire by Chris G. 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 Carrion.

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:

(Carrion)

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.

2nd PHASE
RECREATING THE COSMOS & PRELIMINARY POWER
RAISING

THE SACRED CENTER

Affirmation of Unity

(Grollwyn) 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 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*) (Grollwynn)

All in song

By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky

We stand like the World-Tree rooted, deep, crowned high.

By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky

We stand like the World-Tree rooted, deep, crowned high.

Come we now to the Well, the eye and the mouth of Earth,

Come we now to the Well, and silver we bring.

Come we now to the Well, the waters of rebirth

Come we now to the Well, and together we sing.

CHORUS- offering of silver made to the well

We will kindle a Fire, Bless all, and with harm to none,

We will kindle a Fire, and offering pour,

We will kindle a Fire, a light 'neath the Moon and Sun,

We will kindle a Fire, our spirits will soar.

CHORUS-offering of incense made to the fire

Gather we at the Tree, the root & the crown of all

Gather we at the Tree, below & above,

Gather we at the Tree, together we make our call,

Gather we at the Tree, in wisdom and love.

CHORUS-bile censed and asperged

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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

(Isaura)

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)

(Grollwynn)

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)

(Raven)

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

The Three Norns (Carrion)

To those who shape what must be...
And determine a new born's destiny...
Weaving the fates of all mankind..
Recording each life's span in time...

For that which has happened we call to Urd..
For that which is becoming Verdandi is heard..
To Skuld we seek that which is to be..
We call the Wise Women beneath the ancient tree.

Norns, accept our offering!

An offering of 3 Golden (Yellow) apples are made to the Norns.

All: Norns, All Hail and Welcome!

Frigga (Isaura)

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

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

Weaver of our Fate
Protectress of our walls

Beloved Frigga, Great Mother of the Aesir, accept our offering!

An offering of rock crystal is made to Frigga.

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.

Carrion, Isaura and Chris G. will begin to weave the web throughout the community as Grollwynn 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)

(Eld Naðr)

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 and the Norns. 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 honor Frigga and the Norns, as they walk among us.

Through communication with the Otherworld;

We receive her 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 Frigga and the Norns this night.

We have sung there 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.

Frigga and the Three Norns, we honor you.

The final sacrifice is made.

Norns, accept our sacrifice!

All: Norns, accept our sacrifice!

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

(Carrion)

Let us raise our voices in song as Frigga 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)

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) Weavers of Fate your blessings upon us!

All: Weavers your blessings upon us!

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

(Raven) Once again, Weavers of Fate your blessings upon us!

All: Weavers your blessings upon us!

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

(Raven) One last time, Weavers of Fate your blessings upon us!

All: Weavers 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) Wise Weavers hear and bless us.

(Carrion) Beloved Frigga, Protectress of Hearth and Home hallow these Waters of Life.

(Raven) Wise Maidens, Shapers of our Fate, 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 and the Three Norns have for us this night? _____ Then we shall drink deep her blessings!

The Waters are passed (Isaura & Chris F.) 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 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

(Isaura) 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!

(Carrion) Wise Maidens of the Yggdrasill, Shapers of What Must Be, we thank you for weaving your magic here 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: Norns, we thank you!

(Eld Naðr) 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

(Grollwynn) 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!

(Isaura) 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

(Eld Naðr) 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!

(Isaura)

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

(Grollwynn) 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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