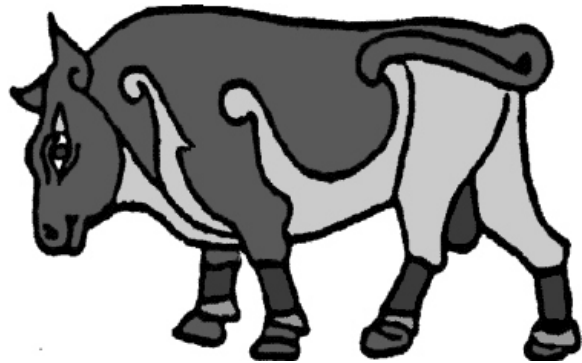


Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



Lughnassadh

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Grove Attunement Ritual participants gather above the Nemeton for the Attunement lead by AeonOHorus and Sidhe Wolf.

(AeonOHorus) Joining hands and closing your eyes, take a few deep, cleansing breaths in through your nose and out through your mouth; **(pause for a 4 count)** in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 4 count)**. As you breathe, begin to slow your busy thoughts **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(AeonOHorus) Feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth. Imagine that from your feet roots begin to grow **(pause for a 2 count)**. See your roots as they break through the fertile Earth in search of the primal waters. **(pause for a 4 count)** Feel your roots as they reach the swift current of the primal waters **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) With each breath, draw this current up through your roots and into your body. **(pause for a 4 count)** As you breathe, draw this ancient power through your trunk and into your belly. Feel its power as it pools there, restoring you and lending strength to your being **(pause for a 4 count)**. Draw this ancient power into your heart. Feel this ancient energy as it too begins to pool, restoring you and lending strength to your being. **(pause for a 4 count)** Finally, draw the primal waters into your head. Feel this ancient power as it pools there, restoring you and lending strength to your being.

(AeonOHorus) Turning your attention Skyward, extending your arms high into the sky above **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel your arms begin to lengthen like the branches of the mighty oak. See your branches reaching the depths of the cosmos. **(pause for a 4 count)** Feel the primal power of the Sun; of the Moon and of the Stars. **(pause for a 4 count)**

(AeonOHorus) A flash of electric energy rushes toward you. Feel this electric power of the Sky as it illuminates your mind and mingles with the Earth power in your head. **(pause for a 4 count)**. As you breath, draw this illuminating energy into your heart. See the Sky power as it ignites the primal waters. Feel this power as it illuminates and energizes your being. **(pause for a 4 count)** Finally, draw this energy into your belly. See this illuminating energy ignite the awaiting waters. Feel the power of the Sky as it illuminates and energizes your being.

(Sidhe Wolf) Feel the power of Earth and Sky as the energies surge within you. Feel the strength and balance this power brings to you **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(AeonOHorus) Opening your eyes, see all who have joined together this night as one tribe and one people **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel the harmony that surrounds you as we begin our worship between the Earth and Sky.

Processional Song

*Come we now as a people
Together, to gather 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 Nemeton and have been purified by incense (Rachel) and water (Raven).

Opening Blessings

Earth Mother & Sky Father

(Moon Dragon) *kneeling at the well*

Ancient One of ever changing beauty

Primal Mother of the Mighty Tuatha

And Great Goddess of Sovereignty

We are renewed in your waters

Cradled within your mantel of green

And sustained by your abundance

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

(Rachel) *standing at the sacred fire arms outstretched to the sky.*

Flashing One of the Sun's healing warmth

Brilliant Father of the Adventurous Gael

And Great God of the creative spark

We are purified between your flames

Strengthened through your radiant light

And prosper from your fertility

Bile, Sky Father, we call upon the illuminating power of the Sky!

(AeonOhorus)

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 we ask that you

uphold and bless our gathering!

(AeonOhorus) *An offering of white bread (1 whole round loaf) and clarified butter is made to the Earth Mother and Sky Father.*

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

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

(Carrion Mann) And now we raise our voices in song to the Earth Mother and Sky Father.

All in song

Earth Mother, We sing to your body,

Earth Mother, We sing to your bones,

Earth Mother, We honor your body,

Earth Mother, We honor your stones.

(lyrics and music written by an unknown author)

Sky Father, We sing to your spirit,

Sky Father, We sing to your light,

Sky Father, We honor your spirit,

Sky Father, 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)

Divine Inspiration (Carrion Mann)

Goddess of inspiration and poetry,

Great Mother of song and 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.

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

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

All: Brighid, be welcome among us!

(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

(Raven Mann)

Invocation to Our Grove Patron: Manannan Mac Lir

This invocation will rotate throughout the Grove memberships. The member responsible for this invocation during each Celtic ritual will write and perform the invocation, as well as be responsible for the offering for the Grove patron.

Purpose and Precedent (Raven Mann)

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one tribe;
To worship and honor the Kindred as one people;
Celebrating the first fruits from the world around us.

We gather kith, kin and clan beneath the Sky;
To make sacrifice to the Kindred;
Receiving their blessings in return.

We gather to ask Crom Dubh to stay his hand;
To honor Lugh, the Many Skilled One, Hero of the Tuatha.
We keep the Feast of Lughnassadh in honor of Tailtiu.
In remembrance of her life giving sacrifice for her people.

“Telling of the Tale of Crom Dubh”

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

Fire, Well & Tree

To the fire (Rachael)

Kindled of the hearth fire
Sacred flame upon the Earth
Joining together hearts and minds
Darkness banished before the roaring blaze
Transcending the realm of light and shadow
Purifier and cleanser of mind, body and spirit
Sacred fire open unto us the way to the Shining Ones.

(AeonOHorus) Incense is offered to the fire.

To the well (Carrion)

Threshold to the Other world
Window to the souls
Cauldron of inspiration
Sacred shrine of old
Ford of cleansing waters
Vessel of rebirth
Sacred well open unto us a path to the Mighty Dead.

(AeonOHorus) Silver is offered into the well.

To the bile (Moon Dragon)

Mighty Oak of the ancient grove
Roots burying deep within the Underworld
Wise teacher of traditions old
Branches reaching into the heavens.

Keeper of sacred knowledge
Pillar joining Earth and Sky; spanning all worlds
Road to all realms; Sacred tree
Let all who walk this way walk in your wisdom.
(AeonOHorus) *The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense.*

To Land, Sea & Sky (Raven Mann)

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

(Carrion) We now raise our voices in song.

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, together we sing.

CHORUS

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

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

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Opening the Gates (Raven, Carrion & AeonOHorus)

(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.

(AeonOhorus) *Irish whiskey is offered to Manannan.*

Manannan MacLir, Mist Weaver, accept our offering!

(Raven, Carrion & AeonOHorus)

Manannan, merge now your magick with ours!

(Raven)

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.

(Carrion)

See the mist arising from the well,

(AeonOhorus)

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.

(AeonOhorus) *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)(AeonOhorus)(Carrion)

Let the Gates Be Open!

(Carrion) Let us now sing our praise to Manannan Mac Lir.

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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Kindred Offerings

Noble Spirits (Sidhe Wolf)

Beasts of legend and lore

Lurkers of mist and shadow

Creatures of fur, fin and feather

Allies of the middle realm

Guardians of the woodland and stream
Protectors of the mountain and glen
Spirits of the natural world
Companions in life, death and rebirth

Beings of myth and magic
Messengers of the Otherworld
Dwellers of land, sea and sky
Watchers of this sacred ground!

Hear us, Spirits both great and small, for we are in need of
your company!

Noble Spirits, join us in celebration this night!

(AeonOHorus) *A portion of seeds and cream are sacrificed
upon the ground.*

Noble Spirits, accept our offering!

All: Noble Spirits, be welcome among us!

The Mighty Dead (Carrion Mann)

Priests of magic and lore
Chieftains of kith and clan
Bringers of law and order
Mighty Ones of the realm below

Heros of myth and legend
Warriors of strength and courage

Champions of might and honor
Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Hunters of forest and glade
Tenders of flock and field
Fishers of lake, sea and stream
Ancestors of flesh and bone

Hear us, Teachers and Guides, for we are in need of your
wisdom!

Mighty Ones, join us in celebration this night!

(AeonOHorus) *Beer and bread are offered.*

Mighty Ones, accept our offering!

All: Mighty Ones, be welcome among us!

Shining Ones (AeonOHorus)

Guardians of hearth and home
Protectors of kith and kin
Bringers of peace and plenty
Shining Ones of the realm above

Champions of honor and might
Wielders of war and destruction
Dwellers of light and shadow
Deities of land, sea and sky

Patrons of song and music
Masters of fire and forge
Warders of the thresholds
Gods of life, death and rebirth

Hear us Eldest and Brightest for we are in need of your blessings!

Shining Ones, join us in celebration this night!

(AeonOHorus) *Clarified butter and white bread are offered.*

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

All: Shining Ones, be welcome among us!

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

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

Repeat chant three times

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Key Offerings

Descriptive invocations of the patron powers for the rite are given. Sacrifices are made and a portion of each is held back for the final sacrifice.

Crom Dubh (Raven Mann)

Ancient black bowed one

Ruler of the dark and shadows

Withered old bull upon the barren land

Dark, bent one beyond the borders of our fire's light

Carrier of mankind's burdens of the harvest

Stay your hand this day.

Through your sacrifice and death;

No longer are you an Outsider among our people.

(AeonOHorus) *An offering of a bundle of wheat and wild flowers is made.*

Crom Dubh, accept our offering!

All: Crom, be welcome among us!

Lugh (Carrion Mann)

Bright Hero of the Tuatha

Weilder of the Spear of Glorias

And Master of Many Arts.

Mighty Young Bull of the first harvest

Great Guardian of roads and travelers

Champion, Protector and King

Through your strength and courage our tribe will prosper.

It is your image of perfection for which we strive

(AeonOHorus) *An offering of wheat bread & honey is made.*

Lugh of the Long Arm, accept our offering!

All: Lugh, be welcome among us!

Tailtiu (Moon Dragon)

Beloved Foster-Mother of the Many Skilled One

Clearer of Ireland's Great Plain,

And maker of High Kings

Bringer of fertility and fair weather

Great Goddess of Sovereignty.

Last Queen of the Mighty Fir Bolg

Through your sacrifice and death the land does prosper.

It is in your memory we assemble this night!

(AeonOHorus) *A sacrifice of wheat bread & cream is made.*

Tailtiu, Beloved Mother; accept our offering!

All: Tailtiu, be welcome among us!

Seasonal Enactment

Following the Seasonal Enactment, ritual participants are given an opportunity to make praise offerings in the form of poetry, song, dance, or works of their hands etc. Please avoid

clapping after praise offerings.

(Sidhe Wolf) For our ancestors the time of Lughnassadh was the time of the first harvest. The time when the first grains of barley were ground and baked into bread. The hunger had ended and the tribe could look forward to the bountiful season of harvest. The crops were still in danger of blight, frost or hail. This could mean a lean, hard winter to come.

The ancients sacrificed to the Dark, Bent One, Crom Dubh, that he may stay his hand until the harvest ended at Samhain. This is the time that the young bull vanquishes the old. The time when Lugh stands as guardian for the survival of the tribe. A survival that relies on a good harvest.

(Raven Mann) Champion come forward and receive your weapon.

The Champion is handed the Spear of Lugh. (The Champion will be selected during the pre-briefing by the drawing of lots).

(Sidhe Wolf) At Beltaine you were the "Hawk of May", but today you are the mighty young bull, protector of the clan and tribe. The old bull awaits your coming. He is prepared for his time of rest. His sacrifice signals the beginning of the reaping. Through his sacrifice may we enjoy a bountiful season of harvest.

The Champion cuts off the head of the old bull (The old bull is made of bread!) AeonOHorus will gather the head and place it on a tray. The Champion followed by AeonOHorus will process the head once around the Nemeton for all to see. AeonOHorus will place among the Hallows.

(Sidhe Wolf) The harvest is in and the hunger is over!

(Raven Mann) Good Folk, bring forth the first of the harvest!

Ritual participants will come forth and take first fruits of the harvest, placing them upon the tray containing the old bulls head. Once all items have been placed.

(Sidhe Wolf) The old bull now travels to his place of rest.

The Sacrificer proceeded by the Champion will take the tray to its final resting place by the head of Crom at the top of the hill above the Nemeton. Once the offering has been made.

(Raven Mann) Crom, the land will soon be yours once again, we ask that you accept this gift, the first of the harvest, that you may stay your hand awhile longer.

(Sidhe Wolf) The young bull may now ascend to his rightful place.

The Champion comes forward to the Hallows, spear in hand.

The Sacrificer removes the body of the old bull and the Champion replaces the bull's body with the spear.

(Raven Mann) Mighty Champion of the Folk; Hero of the Tuatha. Master of the Arts. Bright Lugh, bless our growing fields that we may reap a good harvest.

(Carrion) Now let us offer our praise to the Kindred.

Praise Offerings

Ritual participants are given an opportunity to make praise offerings in the form of poetry, song, dance, or works of their hands etc. Please avoid clapping after praise offerings.

Sacrifice and Omen

(AeonOhorus)

Through Manannan MacLir, Great Warder and Guardian of the Ways, we have opened the Gates this night.

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We have honored the mighty Kindred as they walk among us.

Through communication with the Otherworld;

We receive guidance, inspiration and insight;

As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

A final sacrifice is prepared. (AeonOhorus)

(AeonOhorus)

Kindred of land, sea and sky we call to you!

Hear us this night for we are in need of your guidance and wisdom. Tonight we call out from the crossroads to all who aid us!

We call to our allies of the middle realm!

Noble Spirits, who inspire our hearts and minds.

All beings of the land about us, who offer their guidance and protection.

We call to the Mighty Dead of the realm below!

Ancestors who guide our actions and intentions.

All of the Mighty Ones who offer their wisdom and inspiration.

We call out once more from the crossroads!

We call to the Shining Ones of the realm above.

Gods and Goddesses who inspire our hearts and minds and guide our actions and intentions.

Shining Ones who bless our lives and our gathering.

Deities, whose might and bounty know no bounds!

The final sacrifice is made. (AeonOhorus)

Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

All: Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

(Raven)

It is with love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality to the Kindred this night.

We have called through the Gates and deep within the Otherworld our invitation to gather in their honor.

We have sung their praise and made our sacrifice.

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

(Moondragon)

Let us now close our eyes and open our hearts and minds to the Kindred. Breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth; in through your nose and out through your mouth (pause) With each breath pouring out our love as we prepare to receive the blessings of the Kindred upon us.

Participants meditate on the kindred, sending their energies through the gates.

(Moondragon) As we have gathered here as one people, joining hearts and minds we see those we have honored this night. We feel their presence and hear their whispers from the Otherworld.

We send our love, honor and respect into the Middle realm to the Noble Spirits, our protectors and guides. It is their secret knowledge and companionship that we strive to share and be one with. May they feel our love; see our sincerity and hear our

praise in their honor. (pause for 2 count) Feel the presence of the Noble Spirits. (pause) Hear their whispers as we await their message.

(Sidhe Wolf)

We send our love, honor and respect deep into the Sacred Well to the Mighty Dead, our ancestors of blood and of spirit, it is their timeless wisdom that inspires us to strive always to better ourselves and our world around us. May they feel our love; see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor. (pause for 2 count) Feel the presence of the Mighty Dead. (pause) Hear their whispers as we await their message.

(Rachael)

We send our love, honor and respect through the Sacred Fire into the heavens to the Shining Ones, Eldest and Wisest, it is their guidance and blessings we seek. May they feel our love, see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor. (pause for 2 count) Feel the presence of the Shining Ones. (pause) Hear their whispers as we await their message.

During the Omen meditation above the AeonOHorus and Raven with take, interpret and pronounce the Omen. One Ogham is drawn for each of the three Kindred.

(AeonOHorus)

The Kindred have spoken. What use have you in your lives for their knowledge and wisdom.

From the Noble Spirits _____.

From the Mighty Dead _____.

From the Shining Ones _____.

The Blessing (Raven) & (Sidhe Wolf)

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

The following words will be spoken over the horns.

(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.

(Sidhe Wolf) We will drink deep of the Horn 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!

(Sidhe Wolf) 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!

(Sidhe Wolf) 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!

The horns are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.

(AeonOHorus) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Shining Ones hear and bless us.

(Raven) Lugh, Bright Hero of the Tuatha, hallow these waters
of life.

(Raven) Tailtiu, Great Goddess of Sovereignty, hallow these
Waters of Life.

AeonOHorus lifts the horns before the participants.

(AeonOHorus) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

(AeonOHorus) Now Good folk, drink deep; the blessings of
the Shining Ones.

***Drinking horns are passed and all participants share the
waters. As the horns 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.

All 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.

Thanksgiving and Closing

(Sidhe Wolf)

We now prepare to thank the powers that have attended us during this rite. At this time the gates between the worlds remain open and we invite any to give personal offering or sacrifice to the powers.

Participants are given time to make final offerings.

(Moon Dragon) Tailtiu, Beloved Mother. May you continue to bless the land and our lives. Great Goddess of Sovereignty, we thank you for your ultimate sacrifice. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Tailtiu, we thank you!

(Carrion) Lugh of the Long Arm, the Many Skilled One. May you continue to guide and protect us, as we strive to mirror your image. Great King of the Tuatha, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Lugh, we thank you!

(Raven) Crom Dubh, dark and bowed one. Old bull of the barren fields. We thank you for staying your hand until the final harvest is in. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Crom Dubh, we thank you!

(AeonOHorus) Shining Ones, Eldest and Brightest. May you continue to guide and bless us as we walk this path. Shining Ones, known and unknown, we thank you for your blessings and guidance this eve. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Shining Ones, we thank you!

(Carrion) Mighty Ones of blood and spirit. Those who inspire and guide us in our lives. Beloved Dead we thank you for the wisdom you have shared with us. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Mighty Ones, we thank you!

(Sidhe Wolf) Noble Spirits of land, sea and sky. Companions who aid and guide us in our journey. Noble Spirits, we thank you for sharing your knowledge and protection. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Noble Spirits, we thank you!

(Carrion) Lady Brighid, Great Mother of song and music. We thank you for your blessings of inspiration and eloquence. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Brighid, we thank you!

(Moon Dragon) Danu, Great Goddess of Sovereignty and Ancient Mother of the Mighty Tuatha, we thank you for your life-giving magic that sustains all life.

(Rachael) Bile, Great God of the creative spark and Father of the Adventurous Gael, we thank you this night for the illuminating power of the Sky!

(AeonOHorus) Earth Mother and Sky Father, Mother and Father of all that was, all that is and all that will be. **(offering a final token (bannock) is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Earth Mother and Sky Father, we thank you!

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

All: Manannan MacLir, 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.

(AeonOHorus)

By the land before us!

(Raven Mann)

By the seas about us!

(Raven Mann)

By the sky above us!

(Raven Mann)(AeonOHorus)(Carrion Mann)

Let the Gates be closed!

(AeonOHorus) 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 by the (AeonOHorus)

Grove Attunement

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

(AeonOHorus) 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)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) Feel the oneness and reflect upon the journey we have taken together **(pause)**.

(AeonOHorus) Remember the voices of the Noble Spirits and the friendship and knowledge that they have shared with you **(pause)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) Remember the ancient wisdom of the Mighty Dead and the knowledge and life's blood that they have offered **(pause)**.

(AeonOHorus) Remember the blessings of the Shining Ones. The guidance and wisdom they have offered to all who have assembled here this night **(pause)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) Once more feel your roots reaching the depths of the Earth and your branches reaching the heavens. Feel the strength and energy of the Earth and Sky flowing throughout your being **(pause)**.

(AeonOHorus) Feel this strength and energy as it mingles within you. **(pause)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) Let us now join our energy as one. See this energy as it flows throughout all who have gathered here this eve. See this energy as its power surges in us. Take of this energy what you need. **(Pause for a 2 count)**

(AeonOHorus) Let the energy that remains flow from us through our roots and our branches, returning to the Earth and Sky. See this energy as it travels to the Great Lake **(pause)**. See this energy renew and restore that water that supports and surrounds us. See it heal and protect these waters as we conclude our worship. **(Pause for a 4 count)**

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.

(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

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