

Whispering Lake Grove ADF



Lughnasadh

August 2, 2009
6:00 PM

PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Raven)

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.

PROCESSION

In song (Grollwynn)

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 ritual space and drawn a lot. Two lots will be darkened to chose horse racing competitors.

OPENING PRAYERS

(Sy)

Musical Signal- *A drum beats 9 times.*

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

(Artos)

Join me as we turn our attention to the Earth.

To the very land that supports and sustains us.

We call to the ancient one of ever changing beauty.

To the Great Goddess of Sovereignty and King maker.

We call to the Mother of this land; to the Mother of the Earth.

Earth Mother we honor you and offer you welcome.

(Carrion) *An offering of bread is made.*

Earth Mother, accept our offering!

All: Earth Mother, accept our offering!

(Raven)

We now turn our hearts and minds skyward.

We call to the ancient chieftain among our Gods.

To the One whose quiet patience is forever overhead.

We call to the Father of the Clear Sky.

To the God who wed the Mother of the Earth.

Sky Father we honor you and offer you welcome.

(Carrion) *An offering of clarified butter is made.*

Sky Father, accept our offering!

All: Sky Father, accept our offering!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Bardic Inspiration (Grollwynn)

We call upon the Sun-faced Warrior of the Tuatha;

The Honey-mouthed God of Poetic Word;

And Father of the Ogham.

Oh, Binder and Inspirer of the Journeying Soul.

Bless us with your inspiration and eloquence this night!

(Carrion) *An offering of honey is made.*

Oghma, accept our offering!

All: Oghma, be welcome among us!

Honoring the Elder Wise (Raven)

(Carrion) *An offering of bread and beer is made.*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose of the Ritual (Grollwynn)

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one tribe;
To celebrate the first harvest as one people;

We gather kith, kin and clan beneath the Sky;
To welcome the Kindred among us;

We gather this eve to honor of Lugh, the Many Skilled One and
High King, Nuada.

That we may receive there blessings in return.

Today, we shall keep the Feast of Lughnassadh and reap that
which we have sown.

CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

Outdwellers (Raven)

The Druids Mist

Purification of Participants & Space

*The aspersion bowl is filled by Chris G. from the Well and the
censer is kindled from the Fire by Isaura. 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 that we may
worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

THE SACRED CENTER

Affirmation of Unity

(Grollwynn) Let us now raise our voice as one people.

In song

Building Bridges Between Our Divisions

I reach out for you, as you reach out for me

With all of our voices and all of our visions

Brothers we could make such a sweet harmony

Sisters we could make such a sweet harmony

Author Unknown Repeat chant 3 times

Establishing Sacred Time (Raven)

In the beginning and so too in the end; there was but the fires of the
Sky and the waters of the Earth. And between them lay a fertile
land.

In the South the old Fir Bolg King, dreamed of birds, the sky grew
dark as the great flock approached the shore.

From the North through smoke and mist came beings of great
might and magic, the vast army of the Tuatha to overtake the land.
Bringing with them four treasures that would assure their victory.
Reaching the shore, the Tuatha burnt their ships and a great battle
for the land began. Great numbers of the Fir Bolg fell as the armies
of the Tuatha swept across the land. In defeat the Fir Bolg retreated
to the lands of the Fomorians and the Tuatha De Danann lay claim
to Ireland.

Fire, Well & Tree (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, together we sing.

(Carrion) *An offering of silver is made to the well.*

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.

(Carrion) *An offering of incense is made to the fire.*

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.

(Carrion) *The bile is censured and asperged.*

CHORUS

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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

(Raven)

Weaver of the Gray Mists; Warder of the Way.

Join us at the center; walk with us this day.

Rider of the Maned Waves; Otherworldly Guide.

Hold the gates before us as we stand in sacred time.

Magician of the Shoreline merge your magic with my own.

Part your mist before us; Great King without a thrown.

Irish whiskey is offered to Manannan

Manannan MacLir, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, be welcome among us!

(Grollwynn) Let us raise our voices in song to the Gatekeeper!

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)

Manannan, let us stand at the center of all worlds!

Sacred Fires of the heavens, burn within this place.

Primal Waters of the earth, flow within this place.

World Tree joining earth and sky, grow within this place.

Striking a sigil over the fire.

Let the flames of the sacred fire carry our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

Striking a sigil over the well.

Let the waters of the sacred well carry our praise and sacrifice to the Mighty Dead.

Striking a sigil upon the tree.

Let the tree connect the realms as the worlds become one in this place.

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

(Raven)

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

GENERAL OFFERINGS TO AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRITS

(Grollwynn)

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

(Artos)

Nature Spirits

Beasts of legend and lore

Lurkers of mist and shadow

Creatures of fur, fin and feather

Allies of the middle realm

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

Spirits of Nature, join us as we celebrate Lughnasadh!

Seeds and cream are offered upon the ground.

Nature Spirits, accept our offering!

All: Nature Spirits, be welcome among us!

Mighty Dead

Heros of myth and legend

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Mighty Ones of the realm below

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

Mighty Dead, join us as we celebrate!

Beer and bread are offered.

Ancestors, accept our offering!

All: Ancestors, be welcome among us!

Shining Ones

Guardians of hearth and home

Protectors of kith and kin

Bringers of peace and plenty

Shining Ones of the realm above

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

Shining Ones, join us as well celebrate Lughnasadh!

Clarified butter and white bread are offered.

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

All: Shining Ones, be welcome among us!

Let us raise our voices in song to call forth the Kindred.

(Grollwynn)

All in song

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

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Repeat chant three times.

HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

Nuada (Raven)

First Chieftain of the Tuatha,
Great Conqueror of all Erin.
Wielder of the Silver Hand, we call to you.

Bringer of Law and Order,
Warrior, Champion and High King.
Great God of Might and Magic, we welcome you!

Old Bull of the first harvest,
Through your strength and courage we prosper.
Nuada Airgetlam, we honor you!

*An offering of fruits of the first harvest are made (berries,
corn, wheat other produce that can be harvested during this
season)*

Nuada, accept our offering!
All: Nuada, be welcome among us!

Lugh (Sy)

Great Guardian of Roads and Travelers
Warrior, Poet and High King
Skill One of Many Arts, we call to you.

Patron of Commerce and Contracts
Physician, Historian and Smith
Master of Many Skills, we welcome you!

Young Bull of the first harvest,
Through your strength and courage we prosper.
Lugh Samildanach, we honor you!

*An offering of fruits of the first harvest are made (berries,
corn, wheat other produce that can be harvested during this
season)*

Lugh, accept our offering!
All: Lugh, be welcome among us!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

(Grollwynn) At this time you may bring forth your offerings of
praise to Nuada and Lugh.

RITUAL DRAMA/SEASONAL ENACTMENT

(Grollwynn & Raven)

The High King of Ireland.

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

(Grollwynn)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
We have honored Nuada & Lugh, as they walks 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. (Carrion)

(Raven)

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.
Nuada & Lugh, we honor you.

The final sacrifice is made.

Nuada & Lugh, accept our sacrifice!

All: Nuada & Lugh, accept our sacrifice!

THE OMEN

(Raven)(Carrion)

The Omen is taken by drawing three Ogham. 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.

CALLING FOR THE BLESSING **(Raven) (Grollwynn)**

Two pitchers will be filled and sat in the midst of the hallows. The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.

(Grollwynn) 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.

(Raven) We will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours.

(Grollwynn) Lugh your blessings upon us!

All: High Kings your blessings upon us!

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

(Grollwynn) Once again, High Kings your blessings upon us!

All: High Kings your blessings upon us!

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

(Grollwynn) One last time, High Kings your blessings upon

us!

All: High Kings your blessings upon us!

(Carrion) *The pitchers are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

HALLOWING OF THE WATERS

(Grollwynn) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Nuada & Lugh hear and bless us.

(Grollwynn) Lugh of the Long Arm, Many Skilled One, share your magic with us and hallow these Waters of Life.

(Raven) Nuada of the Silver Arm, Great Warrior and High King, hallow these waters of life.

(Carrion) *lifts the pitchers before the participants.*

(Grollwynn) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

(Raven) Now Good folk, do you wish to receive the blessings of Lugh this night? _____. Then we shall drink deep his blessings!

The Waters are passed (Chris G. & Isaura) 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.

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Sy) Lugh of the Long Arm, the Many Skilled One, we thank you for the many skills you share with us. **(offering a final token 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)

Nuada of the Silver Hand, First and Mighty High King, we thank you for the strength and order to bring to us. **(offering a final token is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Nuada, we thank you!

(Artos) Mighty Kindred, Eldest, Wisest and Mightiest of the realms 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) Elder Wise, Chieftains, Priests and Magicians of old, we thank you for the wisdom and skill you share with us. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Elder Wise, we thank you!

(Grollwynn) Oghma, Honey-mouthed God of Poetic Word. 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: Oghma, we thank you!

CLOSING THE GATES

(Raven) Manannan MacLir, Weaver of Gray Mists; we thank you for your protection, guidance and magic as the worlds converged this night.

(A final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

All: Manannan, we thank you!

(Raven) Manannan Mac Lir, Great Guardian of the Threshold, I now ask that you aid me in closing the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

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

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

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

Let the Gates be closed!

THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

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

All: Sky Father, we thank you!

(Artos) Ancient One of Ever Changing Beauty, may you continue to renew and sustain us. Primal Mother of the Tuatha, 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. Earth Mother, we thank you!

All: Earth Mother, we thank you!

(Grollwynn) 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

(Raven) 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 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)**.

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!

(Sy)

Musical Signal- *A drum beats 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.

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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