



Whispering Lake Grove ADF



Lughnasadh

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PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Sy)

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 (Jim)

Mighty Lord of the Crossroads

Rider of the Maned Waves

And Son of the Sea

Beloved Foster-Father of the Many Skilled One

Advisor of the Tuatha De Dannan

And King without a Throne

Through your guidance and protection we prosper.

Manannan Mac Lir, Patron and Friend, walk with us once more!

An offering of Irish Whiskey is made.

Manannan, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, accept our offering!

PROCESSION (All in song)

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.

Participants will be censured and asperged as they enter the

nemeton. The nemeton will be censured and asperged prior to the



entry of the assembly.

OPENING PRAYERS

(Jim)

Musical Signal- *A drum beats 9 times.*

Honoring the Sky Father

(Sy)

Turning our attention toward skyward

we call to the Bright Hero of the Tuatha

To Weilder of the Spear of Glorias

And Young Bull of the First Harvest.

Oh, Radiant High King,

Through your sacred union with the Mother of this Earth
the land and people prosper.

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

An offering of oil is made.

Lugh, accept our offering!

All: Lugh, accept our offering!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Bardic Inspiration (Grollwynn)

Great Master of Many Arts

You quiet our minds with the music of sleep.

Inspire our hearts with the music of sorrow.

And enliven our spirit with the music of joy.

Lugh, let the magic of words be ours.

An offering of honey is made.

Lugh, accept our offering!

All: Lugh, accept our offering!



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose of the Ritual & Historical Precedent

“The Clearing of County Meath” (Raven)

CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

(Artos)

Weaving the Druids Mist

THE SACRED CENTER

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.

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.

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.

The bile is censed 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.

All:

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 (Grollwynn)

Mighty Champion of the Tuatha, in your protection we shall stand at the center of all worlds.

Great Warrior of the Fiercest Combats, as the worlds converge upon this place may you hold fast the way before us.

Irish whiskey is offered to Lugh.

Lugh Lamhfhadha, accept our offering!

All: Lugh, accept our offering!

In song

Gatekeeper open the portals,

Between the Gods and mortals,



Power freely flows, as our magic grows!

Repeat chant three times

Chant by Liafal

Opening the Gates

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

Sacred Fires ignite the waters of the earth.

Primal Waters feed the order of the cosmos.

World Tree join the heavens with the earth.

Striking a sigil over the fire.

Let these flames carry our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

Striking a sigil over the well.

Let these waters carry our praise and sacrifice to the Mighty Dead.

(Grollwynn)

Striking a sigil upon the tree.

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

By the land before us!

By the seas about us!

By the sky above us!

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

Lugh, 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. Noble Ones, Ancestors and Deities we call to you. Join us in celebration this night. Stand with us as we honor the Mother of the Land.



(Artos)

Allies of the Middle Realm!

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Elves, Sprites, and Faeries of the Hollow Hills

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Mighty Sidhe, be welcome among us!

Butter & Bread is offered.

Nature Spirits, accept our offering!

All: Nature Spirits, accept our offering!

(Sy)

Wise Ones of the Realm Below!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit; Ancestors of flesh and bone

Great Cu Chulainn, Maeve and Finn

Heros of myth and legend

Mighty Ones, be welcome among us!

Alcohol & Bread is offered.

Ancestors, accept our offering!

All: Ancestors, accept our offering!

(Jim)

Eldest and Brightest of the Realm Above!

Bringers of life, death and rebirth.

Deities of Might, of Magic and those of the Mist.

Blessed Children of Danu!

Shining Ones be welcome among us!

Oil & Incense is offered.

Shining and Chthonic Ones, accept our offering!

All: Shining and Chthonic Ones, accept our offering!

(Grollwynn)

Let us raise our voices in song in offering to the Kindred.

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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 Kindred, accept our offerings!
All: Kindred, be welcome among us!

HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

Tailtiu (Artos)

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.
 And last Queen of the Mighty Fir Bolg

Through your sacrifice and death the land prospers.
 Know we assemble in your memory and honor your sacrifice!
*An offering of fruits of the first harvest are made (bread,
 berries, corn, wheat other items produce that can be harvested
 during this season)*
 Tailtiu, accept our offering!
All: Tailtiu, accept our offering!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

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

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

(Grollwynn)
 Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
 We honor the Goddess of Sovereignty.
 Through communication with the Otherworld;
 We receive her guidance, inspiration and insight.



Tonight we call out from the crossroads to our Beloved Mother!
 As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

The final sacrifice is prepared.

FINAL SACRIFICE

A slow drum beat begins. Other participants will take up shakers,
 and other instruments or participate in dancing and intoning to raise
 magical energy for the Being of the Occasion. The Seer will collect
 and direct the energy raised through the gate and communicate with
 the being of the occasion. He/she will take an omen to determine
 the acceptance of our sacrifice. The assembled company will raise
 energy until the final sacrifice has been accepted. The Seer will
 then conclude the energy raising with "Our Sacrifice has been
 Accepted" followed by Earth Mother, give us the waters!"

THE OMEN & BLESSING OF THE WATERS

(Raven & Artos)

The Seers takes up the blessing cups and infuses them with the
 power returning from the gateway. Once the blessings have been
 infused he/she will raise the cups and pronounce "Behold the
 Waters of Life" all assembled will echo "Behold the Waters of
 Life". ***The waters will be passed.*** An officiate **(Grollwynn)** will
 then say that these cups contain the blessings of the Earth Mother
 and ask.... *Do you wish to receive her blessing?* Participant's
 response. *Do you wish to receive her blessing?* Participant's
 response. *Do you wish to receive their blessing?* Participant's
 response. Then let us share all she has to offer us. While the
 blessings are being passed the Seers will be taking an omen to
 determine our blessings.

The omen will be pronounced for the folk. Each of the three runes
 drawn will be pronounced one at a time. The first will be
 pronounced, the meaning and interpretation given. **Grollwynn** will
 then lead the company to intone the runes. The second will be
 pronounced, followed by its meaning and then intonation etc. Any
 final interpretation will be offered by the Seer.



THANKING THE BEINGS

(Artos) 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!

(Grollwynn) 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 aid us in our work and for the many blessings you have given 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!

(Jim) Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, 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!

CLOSING THE GATES

(Grollwynn) Lugh, we now ask that aid us in closing the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

Striking the sigil over the fire

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

Striking the sigil over the well

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

Striking the sigil upon the tree



Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, become but wood.
By the land before us!
By the seas about us!
By the sky above us!
Let the Gates be closed!
All: Let the Gates be closed!

THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

(Sy) Great Goddess of Sovereignty and High King once more we thank you for the bounty of this land and the prosperity of this tribe. **(a final token is offered)** 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!

(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

(Sy) Children of the Earth and Sky 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!

(Jim)

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 Isaura)



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The Gatekeeper

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