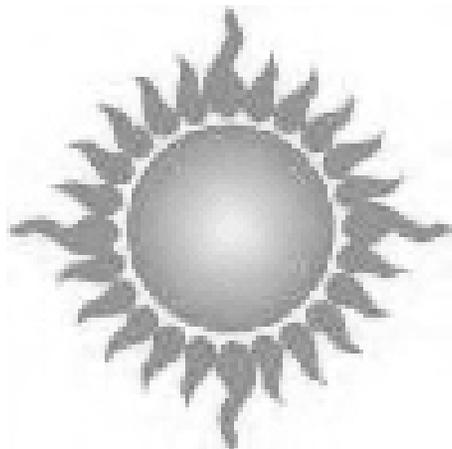




Whispering Lake Grove ADF



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PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Isaura)

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 worship area.

OPENING PRAYERS

(Sy)

Musical Signal- *a drum beats 3 X 3 times.*

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

(Isaura) 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!

(Grollwynn) 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!

(Grollwynn) (Isaura)

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!

An offering of white bread 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!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Bardic Inspiration (Carrion)

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.

An offering of cream & honey is placed in the offering bowl for Brighid.

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

All: Brigid, be welcome among us!

A Prayer for the Elder Wise (Raven)

An offering of incense is made to the Elder Wise.

Elder Wise, accept our offering!

All: Elder Wise, be welcome among us!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose of the Ritual (Carrion)

Today we gather at the center of all worlds.

To worship and honor Miach and Airmed.

We shall sing their praise and make our sacrifice.

Seeking their blessings in return.

We gather to celebrate the Summer Solstice.

To discover the secret magic of the healing herbs.

We celebrate the sun at the height of its power,

Enjoying the warmth and light of the world around us.

May all who gather this day be welcome among us!

CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

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

Weaving the Druid's Mist

Purification of Participants & Space

The aspersion bowl is filled by Morrighan from the Well and the censer 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 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

In song & Yes, with the dance. (Carrion & Grollwynn)

We are a circle moving

One with another, we are

Moving together, we are one.

We are a circle moving

One with another, we are

Moving together, we are one.

I am spirit, and I flow in you.

You are spirit and you flow in me.

(Words and music by Marae Price)

Repeat chant 3 times

Establishing Sacred Time (Carrion)

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

To the fire (Raven)

Kindled of the hearth fire
Scared 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.
An offering of clarified butter is made into the fire.

To the well (Isaura)

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 of Danu open unto us a path to the ancestors.
An offering of silver is made into the well.

To the bile (Grollwynn)

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 the three worlds
Road to all realms; Sacred tree
Let all who walk this way walk in your wisdom.

The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense.

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 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

(Grollwynn)

Weaver of the Gray Mists; Warder of the Way.
Join us at the center; walk with us this day.

(Carrion)

Rider of the Maned Waves; Otherworldly Guide.
Hold the gates before us as we stand in sacred time.

(Raven)

Magician of the Shoreline merge your magic with our own.
Part your mist before us; Great King without a thrown.

Irish whiskey is offered to Manannan

(Grollwynn)(Carrion)(Raven)

Manannan MacLir, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, be welcome among us!

(Carrion) 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

(Grollwynn, Carrion & Raven)

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

(Raven)

Sacred Fires of the heavens, burn within this place.

(Carrion)

Primal Waters of the earth, flow within this place.

(Grollwynn)

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

(Raven) *Striking a sigil over the fire.*

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

(Carrion) *Striking a sigil over the well.*

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

(Grollwynn) *Striking a sigil upon the tree.*

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

(Grollwynn)(Carrion)(Raven)

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

(Grollwynn, Carrion & Raven)

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

GENERAL OFFERINGS TO AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRITS

(Carrion)

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

(Isaura)

Noble, Mighty and Shining Ones of land, sea and sky.

Beloved allies, guides and protectors, we call you near.

Join us as we celebrate the height of the sun's power and the
magic of the healing herbs.

Stand with us as we honor Miach and Airmed.

Alcohol is offered to the Kindred.

Mighty Kindred, accept our offering!

All: Mighty Kindred, Be Welcome Among Us!

(Grollwynn)

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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HONORING THE BEINGS OF THE OCCASION

Airmed (Carrion)

We call to the Goddess of fields and forests;
To the tender of the healing spring.
And the granter of life from death.

We call to the herbal healer of the Tuatha.
To the keeper of secret knowledge.
And the teacher of ancient wisdom.

Airmed, we honor you!
Airmed, accept our offering!
An offering of flowers is made.
All: Airmed, be welcome among us!

Miach (Grollwynn)

We call to the God of Healing.
To the restorer of Nuada's flesh and bone.
And the keeper of immortality.

We call to the skilled surgeon of the Tuatha.
To the Guardian of the Well of Slain.
And the granter of the healing herbs.

Miach, we honor you!
Miach, accept our offering!
An offering whiskey is made.
All: Miach, be welcome among us!

SEASONAL ENACTMENT/ GROUP PRAISE OFFERING

(Isaura)

As Grollwynn begins the invocation to Miach, Airmed (Isaura) kneels at the grave of Miach, tending to the herbs that have grown from the grave. Airmed begins gathering herbs from the grave and placing upon her cloak.

(Raven) Daughter what are you doing?

(Isaura) Gathering ancient knowledge for humankind.

Dian Cecht grabs the cloak scattering the herbs. DianCecht then explains to Airmed why humankind must not be given this knowledge.

(Carrion)

The narrator then encourages all who have gathered to collect the herbs and explains the lesson of DianCecht and Airmed.

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

(Carrion) At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to Miach & Airmed.

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

(Carrion)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
We honor Miach & Airmed, 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 honored guests!
As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.
The final sacrifice is prepared.

(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 they shall know of our devotion.

Miach & Airmed, we honor you.

The final sacrifice is made.

Miach & Airmed, accept our sacrifice!

All: Miach & Airmed, accept our sacrifice!

THE OMEN

(Carrion)(Raven)

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 Beings of the Occasion. While the omen is being taken Carrion will lead all present in the following chant.

(Grollwynn)

Let us raise our voices in song as Miach & Airmed reveal their will.

In song

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)

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) Miach & Airmed your blessings upon us!

All: Miach & Airmed your blessings upon us!

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

(Raven) Once again, Miach & Airmed your blessings upon us!

All: Miach & Airmed your blessings upon us!

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

(Raven) One last time, Miach & Airmed your blessings upon us!

All: Miach & Airmed your blessings upon us!

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

HALLOWING OF THE WATERS

(Grollwynn) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Miach & Airmed hear and bless us.

(Carrion) Airmed, Guardian of Secret Knowledge, hallow these waters of life.

(Raven) Miach, Mighty Surgeon of the Tuatha, hallow these waters of life.

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

(Grollwynn) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

(Grollwynn) Now Children of Earth and Sky, do you wish to receive the blessings of our honored guests? _____. Then we shall drink deep the blessings of Miach & Airmed!

The Waters are passed (Isaura & Chris G) 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 Miach & Airmed 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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THANKING THE BEINGS

(Grollwynn) Miach, Mighty God of Healing. May you continue to bring forth your magic. Skilled surgeon, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Miach, we thank you!

(Carrion) Airmed, Great Healer of the Tuatha. May you continue to heal and restore our lives and our world. Tender of the healing springs, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Airmed, we thank you!

(Isaura) Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky. 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. **(3 final tokens are 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,We than you for the wisdom you have offered 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!

(Carrion) Lady Brighid, Great Mother of song and music. 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: Bright Lady, we thank you!

CLOSING THE GATES

(Grollwynn) Manannan MacLir, Weaver of Gray Mists; we thank you for your protection.

(Carrion) Manannan, we thank you for your guidance.

(Raven) We thank you for your magic as the worlds converged this night.

(Grollwynn)(Carrion)(Raven)

(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, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

(Raven)

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

(Carrion)

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

(Grollwynn)

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

(Raven, Carrion & Grollwynn)

Let the Gates be closed!

All: Let the Gates be closed!

THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

(Grollwynn) Mighty Father of the Clear Sky, we thank you for the blessings 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.

All: Sky Father, we thank you!

(Isaura) Great Goddess of Sovereignty, 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: Earth Mother, we thank you!

(Carrion) 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

(Isaura) Children of 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!

(Sy)

Musical Signal- A drum beats 3 X 3 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 as we raise our voices in song as we conclude our worship.

In song

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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