



# Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



Ostara  
March 19, 2006  
6:00 PM

*An offering of apple butter and dark bread is made to the Outdwellers and is laid beyond the perimeter of the ritual space prior to hallowing and claiming. The Sacrificer will lay the offerings. All participants assemble for the Grove Attunement just outside of the Nemeton.*

## 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 breath, 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)*

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.

**PROCESSIONAL (Carrion)**

***In song***

*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.***

**(Sidhe Wolf)**

**MUSICAL SIGNAL- A Thor's Hammer strikes the anvil 9 times.**

**CLAIMING AND HALLOWING (Raven)**

Once more winter's icy grasp wanes upon Midgard as the green world struggles to break free of the ice and snow.

A cool wind continues to blow across the awakening land, as the dark hand of chaos begins to loosen its grip upon us.

Once more we shall meet the threat of chaos with order and lay claim to this place. We shall make sacred this space and time that we may worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

**Outdwellers (at the Southern fire) (Carrion)**

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!

### **Hammer Rite (Eld Naðr)**

*Begin by signing the hammer in the North saying:*

Hammer in the North, hallow and hold this holy stead.

*Turning 90 degrees to the right trace another hammer sign saying:*

Hammer in the East, hallow and hold this holy stead.

*And in the South saying:*

Hammer in the South, hallow and hold this holy stead.

*And in the West saying:*

Hammer in the West, hallow and hold this holy stead.

*Returning to the North, direct your gaze upward, there again trace the hammer sign on the ceiling of the sphere saying:*

Hammer over us, hallow and hold this holy stead.

*And then project the hammer sign below to the “floor” of the sphere saying:*

Hammer below us, hallow and hold this holy stead.

*Now, strike the “cross” position with your arms straight out and say:*

Hammer hallow and hold this holy stead!

*Turning to the right repeat this for each of the other four directions and once for the vertical axis.*

*Finally, center the forces by folding your arms in from the cross position with your fingers touching at the solar plexus and say:*

Around us and in us, Asgardhr and Midhgardhr!

### **Consecration of Sacred Time & Space (Carrion)**

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)(Carrion)**

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Gate to the Shining Ones*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Our passage to the Sky*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Warmth of our Community*

*Spark of Life*

*We honor you now*

***Incense is offered to the fire. (Eld Naðr)***

*Well, deep Well*

*Gate to the Underworld*

*Well, deep Well*

*Our passage to the Sea*

*Well, deep Well*

*Wisdom of the Ancestors*

*Waters of Life*

*We honor you now*

***Silver is offered into the well. (Eld Naðr)***

*Tree, great Tree*

*Gate that reaches everywhere*

*Tree, great Tree*

*With you we share the Land*

*Tree, great Tree*

*Our passage to the Otherworld*

*Source of Life*

*We honor you now.*

***The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense. (Eld Naðr)***

*Words & music by Pandora*

***The aspersing bowl is filled by Chris T. from the Well and the censer is kindled from the Fire by Moondragon. The Nemeton is censed and asperged as the following words are chanted by all participants. Grove members participating in the hallowing and claiming are also censed and asperged at this time.***

***(Chant 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 Mann)***

*Through the union of fire and water,  
Our Nemeton is made whole and holy!*

***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 BLESSINGS**

**Earth Mother & Sky Father**

***(Sidhe Wolf)***

*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.***

***(Eld Naðr)***

*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!*

***(Sidhe Wolf)(Eld Naðr)***

*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!***

**Bardic Inspiration (Raven & Carrion)**

**(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!

**(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***

**(Sidhe Wolf)**

**(Hammer strike)** Urd record the passing of our work!

**(Hammer strike)** Verdandi watch over our work as it occurs!

**(Hammer strike)** Skuld bless the work we have yet to complete!

***Words by Wolf of Winter Night***

**PURPOSE & PRECEDENT (Raven)**

Ostara was the time our Ancestors gathered to celebrate the returning warmth and light of the sun. For the Ancients the sights and sounds of Spring's return guaranteed the end of the long dark and with it, the threat of the three year winter which would lead to Ragnarok.

As our Ancestors once did, so too do we gather this night one with another to celebrate the returning warmth and light of the sun. We gather to welcome the rebirth of the natural world around us and to worship and honor the Kindred as one people that the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom might be ours.

Good Folk, know this night our honored guests, Thor, the Red-Bearded Thunderer and Protector of All Life; Lord Frey, Mighty Bringer of Peace and Plenty and the Fair Ostara, Great Goddess of Spring's Renewal will walk once more with us.

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!

**OPENING THE GATES (Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)**

**(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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**(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!

**KINDRED OFFERINGS (Sidhe Wolf)**

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!

**Noble Spirits (Sidhe Wolf)**

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)***

**Mighty Dead (Raven)**

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)***

**Shining Ones (Moondragon)**

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)***

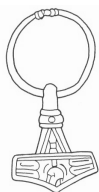
Mighty Kindred, accept our offerings!

**All:** Mighty Kindred, All Hail and Welcome!

### **KEY OFFERINGS**

#### **Thor (Carrion)**

All Hail, Ruddy Son of Earth and Sky!  
For your might defends all new life!



All Hail, Wielder of Great Mjollner (myoll-near)!  
For its' strike breaks their icy grip!

All Hail, Powerful Champion of Asgard!  
For your strength has seen us through the long dark!

All Hail, Thundering God of Spring's Protection  
For tonight we reach the winter's end!

All Hail, Thor!  
We honor you this eve,  
And welcome you to our hall.

**(Eld Naðr)** *An offering of hard alcohol and porridge is made.*

Thor, accept our offering!  
**All:** Thor, All Hail and Welcome!

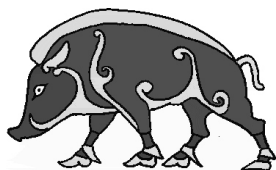
#### **Freyr (Raven)**

All Hail, Forceful Lord of the Awakening Earth!  
For your strong hand keeps life fruitful!

All Hail, Bright Son of the Sea God, Njord!  
For your light warms the dormant womb of the Earth!

All Hail, Fertile God of Peace and Plenty!

For through you all things grow and prosper!



All Hail, Ruler of the Rain and Sunshine!  
For tonight we reach the winter's end!

All Hail, Freyr!

We honor you this eve,  
And welcome you to our hall.

**(Eld Naðr)** *An offering of bird seed and grain is made.*

Freyr, accept our offering!

**All:** Freyr, All Hail and Welcome!

#### **Ostara (Moondragon)**

All Hail, Fair Lady of the Growing  
Light!  
For your touch brings forth new life!



All Hail, Bright Lady of the Radiant Dawn!  
For your breath warms the frosty air!

All Hail, Fertile Lady of New Beginnings!  
For through you, all that sleeps shall be reborn!

All Hail, Great Goddess of Spring's renewal.  
For tonight we reach the winter's end!

All Hail Ostara!

We honor you this eve,  
And welcome you to our hall.

**(Eld Naðr)** *An offering of hot crossed buns and chocolate is made.*

Ostara, accept our offering!

**All:** Ostara, All Hail and Welcome!

#### 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.*

**(Raven)** Good Folk, long has the snow laid deep upon our land. Long has the icy chill gripped our hearts and long has the deep dark gripped our minds.

For too long Old Man Winter has held sway over the land, but tonight his reign has ended.

Tonight we celebrate the growing light and the coming of Spring. Tonight we celebrate for the tribe has survived another long dark and the horn has yet to sound.

**(Holding up Old Man Winter)** Behold, Old Man Winter!

*The Sidhe Wolf will move to the Southern fire and pick up the lamp to ward chaos moving before the participants as they drive Old Man Winter to his place of final sacrifice. Two members of the company will stay behind to light the candles that have been prepared.*

**(Raven)**

We will enter the land of chaos, but it will hold no sway upon us for before us we carry a flame of the sacred fire.

Good folk, join with me now as we give Old Man Winter his just due. Join with me this eve as we drive him beyond the fire's light.

**(Raven)** will toss Old Man Winter into the ritual space. Participants will start kicking and beating Old Man Winter about the room and out of the Nemeton and into the parking lot.

**(Eld Naðr)** Once outside the Sacrificer will take Old Man Winter and drowned him in a well and finally burn him. As all participants witness his end in silence.

**Carrion** will then lead a silent procession in honor of the Mighty Dead as participants re-enter our Nemeton followed by **Sidhe Wolf** and the Southern fire.

**(Carrion)** We now proceed in silence giving honor and remembrance to those of our tribe that await rebirth and renewal.

*The two members of the company that stayed behind to light the candles will take up the baskets of eggs.*

**(Carrion)** Good folk, the light has returned and renewal is upon the land. For the ancients, our Ancestors the egg was the symbol of rebirth.

On the day of Ostara our ancestors placed red eggs upon the graves of those awaiting rebirth. As in the ways of our ancestors, we will now give honor to the beloved dead.

**(passing the basket of eggs)** Please take the symbol of rebirth and place upon the shrine of the Mighty Dead in honor of your ancestors.

*Participants are given an opportunity to place eggs upon the Shrine.*

**(Eld Naðr)** For the ancients, Ostara was also a time to prepare for the coming season of planting. This eve we too prepare for our season of planting, both spiritually and physically.

**(Eld Naðr)** As the ancients blessed their seeds in preparation for the season of planting, so to we bring forth our seeds to

receive the blessing of Lady Ostara, the fertility of Bright Freyr and the protection of Mighty Thor.

**(Eld Naðr)**

We invite you now to bring forth not only the seeds that you will plant within the earth but the seeds that you will plant deep within your mind.

**(Eld Naðr)**

As you bring forth the seeds that you will plant within your mind burn them in the fire to spark your mind's creativity so that they may grow, mature and produce a bountiful harvest in your life.

**(Eld Naðr)**

As you bring forth the seeds that you will plant within the earth place them among the hallows so that they may receive the blessings of the Kindred to grow, mature and produce a bountiful harvest.

***Once the final participant has brought their seeds to the hallows Raven will say the following.***

**PRaise OFFERINGS**

**(Raven)** At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to the Kindred.

**SACRIFICE AND OMEN**

**(Raven)**

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We honor the Mighty Kindred 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 all who aid us!

As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

***The final sacrifice is prepared. (Eld Naðr)***

**(Eld Naðr)**

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

Kindred of land, sea and sky we honor you!

***The final sacrifice is made.***

Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

**All:** Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

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

**(Sidhe Wolf)**

Let us 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.

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. **(pause for 2 count)** Feel the presence of the Noble Spirits as we await their message. **(pause for 2 count)**

**(Carrion)**

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. **(pause for 2 count)** Feel the presence of the Mighty Dead as we await their guidance. **(pause for 2 count)**

**(Moondragon)**

We send our love, honor and respect through the Sacred Fire into the heavens to the Shining Ones, Eldest and Wisest. **(pause for 4 count)** It is their guidance and blessings we seek. Feel the presence of the Shining Ones as we await their blessings. **(pause for 2 count).**

**(Raven)(Eld Naðr)**

*The Omen is taken. One Rune is drawn for each of the three Kindred. The seer then interprets the omen, leading the company to contemplate the things they would ask of the powers, especially as suggested by the omen.*

**(Eld Naðr)**

From the Noble Spirits \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Mighty Dead \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Shining Ones \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**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 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.

**(Carrion)** 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!

**(Carrion)** 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!

**(Carrion)** 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!

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

**(Eld Naðr)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Carrion)** Shining Ones hear and bless us.

**(Carrion)** Mighty Thor hallow these waters of life.

**(Carrion)** Bright Freyr hallow these waters of life.

**(Carrion)** Radiant Ostara hallow these Waters of Life.

**(Eld Naðr)** *lifts the horns before the participants.*

**(Eld Naðr)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**All:** Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Eld Naðr)** Now Good folk, drink deep; the blessings of the Shining Ones.

*The Waters are passed (Chris T. & Jim) and all participants share the waters. As the waters 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.

**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**

**(Eld Naðr)**

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.**

**(Moondragon)** Lady Ostara, Great Goddess of Spring's renewal. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May all that sleeps be renewed with the returning warmth and light. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Ostara, we thank you!

**(Raven)** Bright Freyr, Lord of the Vanir. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May the new season bloom with your favor.

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

**All:** Freyr, we thank you!

**(Carrion)** Mighty Thor, Thundering God of Spring's Protection. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May your hammer continue to protect all who follow this path. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Thor, we thank you!

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds. Aesir and Vanir; Alfir 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!

**(Eld Naðr)** 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!

**(Sidhe Wolf)** 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!

**(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.

**(Eld Naðr)**

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!

**(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.*

#### Grove Attunement

**(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 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 as they surge through you, lending 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.

As we open our eyes,  
May the well once again become but water  
May the fire once more become but flames  
May the tree become but wood  
May all that is be what was, that it may be again!

**(Sidhe Wolf)**

**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.

**(Carrion)** 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.*

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