

Whispering Lake Grove
ADF



Yule

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7:00 PM

PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT

Joining our hands and closing our eyes, take a few deep cleansing breaths (*pause 4 count*). We now stand together in Midgard, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea as we prepare to enter sacred time (*pause 4 count*).

Below us flows the primal waters, cold, dark and chaotic; filled with the potential of all life. Reaching far beneath you into the earth, draw upon the waters of life. Feel them as they pool within your belly, within your heart and finally within your head. (*pause 8 count*)

Above us burns the primal fires, warm, light and ordered; filled with the spark of all life. Reaching far beyond the sky into the heavens, draw upon the fires of all creation. Feel them as they illuminate your mind, your heart and finally your spirit. (*pause 8 count*)

The fires of the heavens ignite the waters of the earth within you and you become one with the cosmos. Feel the primal powers of fire and water as they surge through you. Your heart beats with the very pulse of all worlds (*pause 8 count*)

We share our world with the Spirits of Nature. Our Ancestors dwell in the Halls of the Gods. We are all cradled in the branches of the Yggdrasil. The fire and water that flows through our veins sustains the worlds, the realms and the Kindred.

As we open our eyes let us be one in this place!



Honoring Our Grove Patron

Rider of the Maned Waves...

Protect us from the storms.

Guardian of the Threshold...

Guide us from all harm.

Magician of the Shoreline...

Bless us with your might.

Mist Weaver,

May you walk with us this night!

An offering is made to Manannan.

Manannan, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, be welcome among us!

PROCESSION

Affirmation of Unity

Let us now raise our voice as one people.

In Song "The Yule Log"

Outside the rain drives down, drives down, but we are dry and warm.

The winter wind blows cold, blows cold, but we are safe from harm.

Protection from the storm have we, and shelter from the night,

and so we hail the holy hearth, and the Yule Log's living light!

The longest night is come, is come, the year is at an end.

May all ill-luck be gone, be gone, all broken fortunes mend.

Midwinter's fire burns every bane, illuminates the night,

and so we hail the holy hearth, and the Yule Log's living light!

See how the sacred fire, the fire is hidden in the wood.

Just so the ills we see, we see, may hold a spark of good.

From winter shall the spring be born, day from the womb of

night, and so we hail the holy hearth, and the Yule Log's living

light!

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OPENING PRAYERS

Musical Signal- *A Thor's Hammer strikes the anvil 3 X 3 times.*

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother

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!

Earth Mother, accept our offering!

An offering of corn meal is made.

All: Earth Mother, All Hail and Welcome!

Sky Father

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!

Sky Father, accept our offering!

An offering of incense is made.

All: Sky Father, All Hail and Welcome!



Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

lighting a candle of the sun.

We call upon the Skald of Valhalla
Most eloquent God of poetry and song
And Herald of Odin's Great Hall
Oh, Welcomer of the Einherjar
Aid as we journey through the darkness.

Bless us with your inspiration and eloquence this night!

An offering of honey is placed in the offering bowl for Bragi.

Bragi, accept our offering!

All: Bragi, All Hail and Welcome!

Invocation to the Elder Wise

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Yule was the time our Ancestors gathered to strengthen the bonds of fidelity by drinking, toasting and boasting the deeds of the past year. They raised their horns to those who came before and to the Gods that blessed them.

As our Ancestors once did, so too do we gather this night in fidelity one with another. We gather to strengthen the bonds of kinship and friendship among us; to toast, boast and make oaths to the Kindred and to each other that the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom might be ours.

Children of Earth and Sky, know this night that Odin, the Azure Cloaked Wanderer and Decider of the Fates of Men; the one who forges the chosen of the Einherjar; the Winner, Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry will walk once more among us.

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!



CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS

Purification of Participants & Space

The aspersion bowl is filled from the Well and the censor is kindled from the Fire 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.

With the powers to create and destroy.

And the strength to cleanse and purify.

When all participants have been purified Carrion will step forward saying:

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

Outdwellers

Weaving the Druids Mist

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 welcome the Kindred as one people.

THE SACRED CENTER

Affirmation of Unity

Let us now raise our voice as one people.

In Song Repeat 3X

The Waters flow around us

The Fires burn within us

Standing tall we gather at the center of the world.

Upon the Earth our mother

We worship here together

All as one we gather at the center of the world.

(Words and Music by Emerald)



Establishing Sacred Time

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)

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.

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 or quartz crystal is offered into the well.

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.***

Words & music by Pandora

COMPLETING THE COSMOLOGY

To Land, Sea & Sky

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

Warder of warriors

Weaver of the web

Wielder of the spindle

Keener for the Dead

Woman of the Waters

Shaper of the Worlds

Watcher of the Home fire

Keeper of our Hearth.



Weaver of our Fate
 Warder of the Way
 Protectress of our walls
 Beloved Mother of the Aesir

Flowers are offered to Frigga

Frigga, accept our offering!

All: Frigga, All Hail and Welcome!

Let us raise our voices in song to the Gatekeeper!

All in song

Sing through my voice,

Play through my hands,

Let the way be open!

Repeat chant three times

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Opening the Gates

Frigga, 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 this fire carry our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

Striking a sigil over the well.

Let this well carry our praise and sacrifice to the Mighty Dead.

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!

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

GENERAL OFFERINGS TO AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRITS

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!

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights, aid us as we journey through the darkness!

Join us, as we honor the All-Father this night!

Seed is offered.

Noble Ones, accept our offering!

All: Noble Ones, All Hail and Welcome!

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Alfar and Disir, aid us as we journey through the darkness!

Join us, as we honor the All-Father this night!

Beer is offered to the Ancestors.

Mighty Dead, accept our offering!

All: Mighty Dead, All Hail and Welcome!



Eldest and Brightest of Asgard!
 Deities of Might and Magic
 Bringers of life, death and rebirth.
 Mighty Aesir and Bountiful Vanir
 Shining and Chthonic Ones, aid us as we journey through the
 darkness!

Join us, as we honor the All-Father this night!

Alcohol is offered.

Shining and Chthonic Ones, accept our offering!

All: Shining and Chthonic Ones, All Hail and Welcome!

HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

Invocation to Odin

All Hail, Mighty All-Father of the Aesir!

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For he is the ruler of Asgard!

All Hail, The Mad One!

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For he forges his army through his might!

All Hail, The Furious One!

All Hail, The Furious One!

For he decides the fate of humankind!

All Hail, The Inspired One!

All Hail, The Inspired One!

For he is the Winner, Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry!

All Hail, the One-Eyed Wanderer!

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For he may seek hospitality at your home and hearth!



All Hail, Odin! We honor you this eve.

Vodka is offered to Odin.

Odin, accept our offering!

All: Odin, All Hail and Welcome!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to
 Odin. (*Once all personal praise offerings have been made to
 the Deity of the Occasion the Group will offer praise*)

Group Praise Offering/Seasonal Enactment

“A Norse Symbol”

Good Folk, join us as we make our oaths, boast and toasts to
 our Ancestors and Deities.

Ancestors

Deities

Final Round

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
 We honor Odin, as she walks among us.
 Through communication with the Otherworld;
 We receive her guidance, inspiration and insight.
 Tonight we call out to our honored guest,
 As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.
The final sacrifice is prepared.

It is in love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality
 to Odin this night.
 We have sung his 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.

Odin, we honor you.

The final sacrifice is made.

Odin, accept our sacrifice!

All: Odin, accept our sacrifice!

Participants chant the following, sending their energies through the gates.

THE OMEN

The Omen is taken by drawing three Runes. 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

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

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.

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

Odin, your blessings upon us!

All: Odin, your blessings upon us!

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

Once again, Odin your blessings upon us!

All: Odin, your blessings upon us!

We have brought our offerings. We have made sacrifice.

One last time, Odin your blessings upon us!

All: Odin, your blessings upon us!



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

HALLOWING OF THE WATERS

Behold the Waters of Life!

Odin, Azure Cloaked Wanderer, hallow these Waters of Life.

An officiant lifts the pitchers before the participants.

Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

Children of Earth and Sky, do you wish to receive the blessings

Odin has for us this night? _____. Then we shall drink deep his blessings!

The Waters are passed and all participants share the waters.

As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.

As we receive the blessing of Odin let us raise our voices in song.

All in Song

Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green,

Here we go a-wandering, so fair to be seen!

Love and joy come to you, and to you good wassail, too,

All Gods bless you and send you a happy New Year,

All Gods send you a happy New Year!

Repeat until the horns have been passed to all participants.

THE WORK

Child's Saining



THANKING THE BEINGS

Odin, One-Eyed Wanderer, we thank you for your wisdom and inspiration you have shared with us. May you continue to wanderer among us sharing your blessing at your whim. **(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!

Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds. Aesir and Vanir; Alfars and Disir and Alfis, House Ghost and Wights. We thank you for the guidance, wisdom 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!

Bragi, Great Skald of the Halls of Valhalla. God of Poetry and Song. 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: Bragi, we thank you!

Elder Wise, Ancient Wise Ones before us, we thank you for the wisdom, inspiration and guidance you offer 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!

CLOSING THE GATES

Frigga, Beloved Mother 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: Frigga, we thank you!

Frigga, Great Goddess of Hearth and Home, we now ask that you aid us in closing the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

Striking the hammer sign over the fire

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

Striking the hammer sign over the well

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

Striking the hammer sign 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

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: Sky Father, we thank you!

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: Earth Mother, we thank you!

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

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 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!

Musical Signal- *A Thor's Hammer strikes the anvil 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

Once more may we now raise our voices in song as we leave our Nemeton.

Deck the Halls

(Traditional English carol, the tune is originally Welsh)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la

Don we now are gay apparel, Fa la la, la la la, la la la

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la, la la la la

Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la, la la la, la la la

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fast a way the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lad and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la

Sing we joyous all together, Fa la la, la la la, la la la

Headless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la, la la la la

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The Yule Log

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