

WHISPERING LAKE GROVE, ADF

Presents



YULE



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6:00P

Grove Attunement (Grollwynn)

Joining our hands and closing your 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 Yggdrasill. 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!

Invocation to Manannan (Morrighan)

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

Processional Chant (Grollwynn)

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!*
By Diana L. Paxson

Musical Signal (Jim)

A hammer and anvil sounds 3X3 times

OPENING BLESSINGS

Honoring the Earth Mother & Sky Father (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 ask that you uphold and bless our gathering!
White bread & Clarified butter is offered upon the fire to the Earth Mother & Sky Father.
Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!
All Hail the Earth Mother and Sky Father!
All: Hail!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration (Grollwynn)

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 us, as we journey through the darkness.
Bless us with your inspiration and eloquence this night!
An offering of honey is made.
Bragi, accept our offering!
All Hail Bragi!
All: Hail!

PURPOSE AND PRECEDENT (Raven)

Yule was the time our Ancestors gathered to strengthen the bonds between them 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 to strengthen the bonds between 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, tonight we honor the Defender of Asgard, Enemy of the Frost Giants, and Friend of Humankind. We will make offerings to the God of Strength, Perseverance and Wit, Mighty Thor, seeking his blessings in return that we may have the will to overcome the challenges that lay ahead.

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!

CONSECRATION OF SPACE

Weaving the Druids Mist thru the Hammer Rite (Carrion)

In the beginning so too in the end; there was but fire and ice...

Begin by signing the hammer in the North saying:

To the North stands the ice and snow of Niflheim,
Hammer, hallow and hold the frigid winds,

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

To the East rises the light of the world,
Hammer, hallow and hold the fire of the sky.

And in the South saying:

To the South burn the fires of Muspell,
Hammer, hallow and hold the raging flames.

And in the West saying:

To the West the light of life fades to dark.
Hammer, hallow and hold the seas that surround us.

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

Hammer over us forge a dome of mist from the heavens to the earth,

And then project the hammer sign below to the "floor" of the sphere saying:

Hammer below us, forge a blanket of mist from sea to sea.

Now, strike the "cross" position with your arms straight out and say:

Hammer, hallow and hold our hearth!

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, sacred fires ignite the waters of the earth.

Let order fill this hall and this mist stand until the gates are closed in this place.

Fire, Well & Tree (chant) (Grollwynn)

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 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*

The Sacred Center (Isaura)

All:

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, honor and worship to the holy ones.

OPENING THE GATES

(Raven)

Upon the windy Tree hung the Wanderer,

(Carrion & Grollwynn)

Seeking the wisdom of the past.

(Raven)

For nine long nights Harr journeyed alone,

(Carrion & Grollwynn)

Seeking the knowledge of the present.

(Raven)

With unyielding strength Odin sacrificed himself,

(Carrion & Grollwynn)

Seeking the vision of the future.

(Raven)

Oh, Rider of the Yggdrasil,

Merge your magic with my own,

Wield the Words of Power,
From your high and mighty throne.

Vodka is offered to Odin

Odin, accept our offering!

All: Odin, All Hail and Welcome!

(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

(Raven) Carrion & Grollwynn begins a Galder chant for ansuz.

Odin, 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 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!

(Raven)

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

KINDRED OFFERINGS

(Raven)

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!

Nature Spirits **(Raven)**

Great Guardians of the Land hear us!

Ancient Protectors of Midgard join us!

Warders of our homes and hearths aid us!

Wild ones of the worlds accept our offering!

All Hail the Nature Spirits!

An offering of seeds and cream is made.

All: Hail!

Ancestors **(Jim)**

Beloved Dead of the Howe hear us!

Ancient Wise of the worlds join us!
Ancestors of blood and spirit aid us!
Mighty ones of memory accept our offering!
All Hail the Ancestors!

An offering of bread and beer is made.

All: Hail!

Shining Ones (Sy)

Mighty Dwellers of Asgard hear us!
Great Gods of the worlds join us!
Deities of myth and magic aid us!
Beings both shining and chthonic accept our offering!
All Hail the Gods!

An offering of clarified butter is made.

All: Hail!

(Grollwynn)

All:

*Let our voices arise on the fire,
Let our voices resound in the deep,
Let the Kindred accept what we offer,
As we honor the old ways we keep.*

Repeat 3x in offering to the Kindred.

All Hail the Kindred!

All: Hail!

KEY OFFERING

Thor Chant (Carrion) Chant 3x

*Hey, ho, the way the winds blow,
through rain and lightning, thunder we go.
God of the hammer, joy and laughter,
Thor, Thor, Thor.*

Thor

All Hail, the Son of Earth and Sky whose might defends all life!

All: Hail Thor!

All Hail, the Wielder of Mjollner whose strike breaks their icy grip!

All: Hail Thor!

All Hail, the Champion of Asgard whose strength will see us through the long dark!

All: Hail Thor

An offering of alcohol and porridge is made.

Thor, accept our offering!

All Hail Thor!
All: Hail Thor!

PRAISE OFFERINGS (Raven)

“A Norse Symbol”

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

Ancestors

Deities

Final Round

FINAL SACRIFICE

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE (Isaura)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
We honor Mighty Thor as he walks among us.
Through communication with the Otherworld;
We receive his guidance, inspiration and insight.
Tonight we call out from the crossroads to our guest of honor!
As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.
The final sacrifice is prepared.

FINAL SACRIFICE

A slow drumbeat begins. Other participants will take up shakers, and other instruments or participate in dancing and intoning to raise magical energy for the Beings of the Occasion. The Seer will collect and direct the energy raised through the gate and communicate with the beings of the occasion. He/she will take an omen by drawing either Nauthiz, representing the need to continue or Gebo represent our gift for a gift and 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 Thor, give us the waters!”

THE OMEN & BLESSING OF THE WATERS

(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 Ancestors. *Do you wish to receive the blessings of the Thor?* Participant’s response. *Do you wish to receive the blessings of the Thor?* Participant’s response. *Do you wish to receive the blessings of the Thor?* Participant’s response. Then let us share all he has offered to us.

As the blessings are passed **Carrion** will lead the chant, “Blessings of the Holy Ones”. While the blessings are being passed the Seers will be taking an omen to determine our blessings.

The omen will be pronounced by **Raven** 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. **Carrion** will then lead the company to intone the runes. The second will be pronounced, followed by its meaning and then intonation etc. The Seer will offer any final interpretation.

Blessing of the Waters

The Blessings of the Holy Ones

Be on me and mine

My blessings on all beings

With peace on the and thyn.

The fire, the well, the sacred tree

Flow and flame and grow in me.

By Ian Corrigan

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Carrion)

Mighty Defender of Asgard, we thank you for your blessings of strength, perseverance and wit. May you continue to bless our lives and protect our world (**a final token is offered**) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Thor, we thank you!

All: Thor, we thank you!

(Sy)

Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds. Aesir and Vanir; Alfar and Disir and Alfs, 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.

Kindred, we thank you!

All: Kindred, we thank you!

(Grollwynn)

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.

Bragi, we thank you!

All: Bragi, we thank you!

CLOSING THE GATES

(Grollwynn) Odin, Mighty All-Father of the Aesir; we thank you for your protection.

(Carrion) Odin, we thank you for your guidance & wisdom.

(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.

Odin, we thank you!

All: Odin, we thank you!

(Raven) Odin, One Eyed Wanderer, 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

(Cindy)

Primal Mother of the Earth and Ancient Mystery of the Sky, may you continue to grant us peace and plenty and show us the way to courage and right. Earth Mother and Sky Father we thank you for the blessing this gathering (**a final token is offered**) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Earth Mother and Sky Father, we thank you!

All: Earth Mother and Sky Father, 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

(Grollwynn)

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.* **(Jim)**

(Carrion)

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.

(Grollwynn)

Recessional Chant

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

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