

# WHISPERING LAKE GROVE, ADF

Presents



## Beltaine

May 3, 2020

6:00PM

### OPENING PRAYERS

*Participants are encouraged to honor the spirits of their hearth and home. Those beings that are guardians and guides of the place in which you live. Call to them, honor them for their protection and blessings they provide and invite them to join you as you celebrate Beltaine. Make an offering you feel would be appropriate. A Grove Patron offering is not specifically in this text because he is the Being of the Occasion.*

### ATTUNEMENT

I join my heart and mind with others who gather this day to celebrate Beltaine. *(Taking a few deep cleansing breaths)* I stand within Midgard, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea as I prepare to stand at the center of all worlds.

Below me flows the primal waters, cold, dark and chaotic; filled with the potential of all life. Reaching far beneath me into the earth, I draw upon the waters of life. I feel these waters rise within me, pooling within my belly, rising higher, they pool within my heart and finally within my head. (pause).

Above me burns the primal fires, warm, light and ordered; filled with the spark of all life. Reaching far beyond the sky into the heavens, I draw upon the power that sparks all creation. I feel this power enter my being, igniting the fire in my head, warming the cauldron of my heart and finally, illuminating my spirit. (pause)

The fires of the heavens ignite the waters of the earth within me and I become one with the cosmos. I feel the primal powers of fire and water as they surge through me. My heart beats with the very pulse of all worlds (pause)

I am reminded that I share this world with the Spirits of Nature, that my Ancestors dwell in the Halls of the Gods and that I am all cradled

in the branches of the World Tree. The fire and water that flows through my veins sustains the worlds, the realms and the Kindred.

Let me be one with the cosmos and the Kindred in this place. May I be prepared for this work, let me now recreate the cosmos!

The waters support and surround me,  
Sacred waters fill this well with your healing magic!  
*(an offering is made to the well)*  
The land extends about me,  
Sacred tree let the words spoken here resonate throughout the worlds!

*(the tree is asperged and sensed)*

The sky stretches above me,  
Sacred fire burn with the power of transformation!  
*(an offering is made to the fire)*

For at this center burns a living flame,

**All:**

Let me pray with a good fire,  
May all the Kindred bless me,  
May my worship be true  
May my actions be just  
May my love be pure.

Blessings, honor and worship to the holy ones.

### **OUTDWELLERS**

Within me dwells forces that bring chaos into my life, those influences that pollute my heart and mind. *(pause in reflection)*

These powers also dwell in others, within the worlds, realms and among the Kindred. They threaten our world, our work and our lives.

Let me remember the forces and Beings that stand against the Gods and humankind.

Let me remember the strife that they bring, while recognizing their power, influence and purpose in the cosmos. *(pause)*

With this token *(a token is held before the fire, well and tree. This token should be sometime offered to no other being in the ritual. Dark offerings in the form of burnt bread, toast, bannocks, dark alcohol are most appropriate)* may I seek to end any unhealthy relationships with these forces.

*(A token is laid beyond the ritual space in silence)*

May I be free from the chaos that could overwhelm me!

Let it be so!

*Participants should take water from their wells and incense lit from the sacred fire and cense and asperge their shrine, ritual area and person.*

**Musical Signal:** *A bell rings 3X3 times or any musical signal you choose. You can use anything that makes a sound. Could be as simple as a potlid and a spoon or knocking with a staff on the floor, if you do not have a bell, drum, singing bowl, whistle etc.*

### Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

My body is supported and sustained by the Mother of the Land;  
Created of her potential to which I shall return.

My spirit is supported and sustained by the Father of the Clear Sky;  
Potential ignites life thru his spark.

Earth Mother and Sky Father, you cradle our Ancestors, preserve their memory and renew the lives of your children, know that we remember and honor your gifts.

***An offering is made to the Earth Mother and Sky Father.***

Earth Mother and Sky Father accept my offering!

### Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Heralds of the Hero's Hall  
Skalds of the Saga's Stage  
Bards of the Boldest and Brave  
Gift me with your grace.  
Pour down your eloquence  
Insight my words  
Inspire my songs  
Light the fire in the head!

*An offering is made to the Spirits of Inspiration.*

Beings of Inspiration accept my offering!

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A Child of Earth and Sky comes before this hearth to keep the Feast of Beltaine. The fires of purification have been kindled and I am renewed within their warmth and light. On this day I shall celebrate fertility, remember all those that have recently passed from this world and call to the Mist Weaver, Manannan Mac Lir to aid me in this work! Join with me as I keep the Old Bargain, receiving the blessings, wisdom and guidance of Manannan in return.  
May fertility fill my heart, mind and hearth!  
May all who gather be welcome among us!

### INVOCATION TO THE GATEKEEPER

Oh, Ancient Ones of Might and Magic,  
I call to Eldest and Wisest of the Worlds,  
I seek a Priest of the Sacred Fire...  
To aid me in my work...  
To join their magic with my own...  
And open the way between the worlds.  
*An offering is made to the Gatekeeper*  
Fire Priest accept my offering!

### OPENING THE GATES

Fire Priest; let me 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 my praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

*Striking a sigil over the well.*

Let these waters carry my 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 me!

By the seas about me!

By the sky above me!

Let the Gates Be Open!

I now stand at the center of all worlds!

### KINDRED OFFERINGS

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

*(can be spoken or sung)*

*Let my voice arise on the fire,*

*Let my voice resound in the deep,*

*Let the Kindred accept what I offer,*

*As I honor the old ways I keep.*

I call to the Kindred of all the Worlds!

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

Beloved allies, guides and protectors.

Join me as I celebrate Beltaine.

Stand with me as I honor Manannan Mac Lir.

*An offering is made to the Kindred.*

Mighty Kindred accept my offering!

### KEY OFFERING

#### **Invocation to Manannan**

Guardian of the Blessed Isles, the Land of Promise,

Land of the Living and of Eternal Youth,

Walk with me as the land grows green around me!  
Great Son of the Sea, Master of Illusion and Ruler of Time,  
Join me at my hearth's fire once again!  
Weaver of the Grey Mist, Warder of the Way, Enchanter.  
Cloak me within your protection!  
Patron, Companion and Friend,  
Aid me to bring fertility and magic to my work!  
***An offering is made to Manannan.***  
Manannan Mac Lir, accept my offering!

#### **PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS**

***Take the opportunity to make personal offerings of praise to Manannan.***

#### **PRAYER OF SACRIFICE**

Through my praise, love and sacrifice,  
I honor the Son of the Sea. It is through my work and sacrifice that I receive his guidance, wisdom and blessings. Tonight, I call out once more from the center of all worlds to the Warder of the Way that he may heal my world, bless my work and my life, as I prepare to make my sacrifice.

***Make a sacrifice/give a gift to Manannan. Ideas for this sacrifice might include, but are certainly not limited to, Irish whiskey, food/drink, a work of your hand, song, poem etc.***

#### **THE OMEN**

***The omen is taken in a symbol set of the participants choosing and if you are without a symbol set, sit in meditation to attempt to obtain an answer.***

#### **BLESSING OF THE WATERS**

***The following words will be spoken over a cup.***

As in the ways of old I have given my gifts freely and as in the ways of old a gift is given unto me in return.

I will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be mine.  
Manannan give me the waters!

I gather with you between Earth and Sky. I am proud to call you patron and friend.  
Manannan give me the waters!

I have brought my offerings and made my sacrifice.  
Manannan give me the waters!

***The cup is lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.***

#### **Hallowing the Waters**

Mighty King Without a Throne, hear and bless me.  
Mist Weaver hallow these Waters of Life.

***The cup is lifted before your shrine.***

Behold the Waters of Life!

#### **AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS**

***Ask yourself, "do you wish to receive the blessings of the Manannan? If the answer is yes, drink deep his blessings. If the answer is no, thank Manannan and end the ritual, kissing the cup and pouring the blessings in offering.***

***Following drinking the blessing, either speak or sing the following: "Blessings of the Holy Ones".***

*The Blessings of the Holy Ones*

*Be on me and mine*

*My blessings on all beings*

*With peace on the and thyne.*

*The fire, the well, the sacred tree*

*Flow and flame and grow in me.*

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### WORK

I call once more to Manannan Mac Lir, Ruler of the Land of Eternal Youth, to aid this work, bless the living and aid those that travel to the Otherworld.

I call those that have been lost in most recent memory!  
To the Dead who have passed in the turning of this wheel.  
Beloved Dead may you travel in safety and find peace among your ancestors!

I call to the Ancestors of this place.  
To all who guide, teach and protect me here!  
Mighty Dead welcome and aid those that have recently passed into the Otherworld!

I call to my Ancestors whose blood flows within my veins.  
To the mothers and fathers of old, who form the line of my people back to the beginning.  
Ancestors of Flesh and Bone welcome and aid those that have recently passed into the Otherworld!

I call to my Ancestors of Spirit.  
To the Heroes of Myth and Legend who inspire the living!  
Mighty Ones, welcome and aid those that have recently passed into the Otherworld.

I call to the Ancient Wise. to the poets, magicians and priest of old.  
To all Keepers of Sacred Wisdom.  
Eldest and Wisest among the Dead aid those that work to save the living!

Ancestors hear my call, the dead and the living need your wisdom and aid!  
I remember you; I honor you!  
Ancestors accept my offering!

*The ancestors are offered a wreath tied with ribbons for the Dead or other appropriate gift.*

### **THANKING THE BEINGS**

Manannan, I thank you for aiding me in my work, joining me at my hearth and walking with me as I journey upon my path. (*a final token is offered*) May there be peace between us always.  
Manannan, I thank you!

Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Worlds. I thank you for the guidance, wisdom and blessings you have shared with me. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire. Kindred, I thank you!

Beings of Inspiration, I thank you for your blessings of inspiration and eloquence. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire. Beings of Inspiration, I thank you!

### Closing the Gates

Mighty Priest of the Sacred Fire, I thank you for tending our fire and warding the way between the worlds this night. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.  
Fire Priest, I thank you!

Ancient Priest of the Sacred Fire, I now ask that you aid me in closing the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

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

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

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

By the land before me!

By the seas about me!

By the sky above me!

Let the Gates be closed!

Earth Mother and Sky Father, I thank you for the blessings of fertility you shared with me. May you continue to support and sustain me, upholding and blessing my work and my world. May there be peace between us always. Earth Mother and Sky Father, I thank you!

I now return all that has gone unused to the Earth and the Sky.  
***All offerings that remain are burnt in the fire or scattered upon the Earth.***

#### **STATEMENT OF ENDING**

***(Once more take a few deep cleansing breaths as you reaffirm our center).*** I stand at the center of all worlds, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea. I span the worlds, connecting earth and sky and the Kindred as one ***(pause)***.

I remember that below me flows the primal waters filled with the potential of all life. It is these waters that surge through my very being. ***(pause)***

I remember that above me burns the primal fires filled with the spark of all life. It is these powers that have illuminated the waters that surge through me. ***(pause)***

The primal powers of fire and water unite within me bringing new life and balance to my being. My heart beats with the very pulse of all worlds ***(pause)***

I remember that I share these worlds with the Spirits of Nature, with the Ancestors and with the Gods. As they bless me, offer their wisdom and guidance let me forever remember the old bargain.

I remember the powers of earth and sky, the sacred fire and waters, that flow within me... ***(pause and take what you need to maintain balance and release back to the earth and sky all that has gone***

***unused)*** I know that the fire and water that flows from me helps to sustain the worlds, the realms and the Kindred as I conclude my worship.

May all that is be what was, that it may be again!

***Musical Signal- A bell rings 3X3 or other musical signal.***

***Remember to thank all personal beings invited at the beginning of the work and your personal spirits of hearth and home.***

I will keep the faith until the sky falls upon me and crushes me; until the earth opens and swallows me; until the seas arise and overwhelm me.

***This right has ended...Happy Beltaine everyone!***

***Remember...***



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