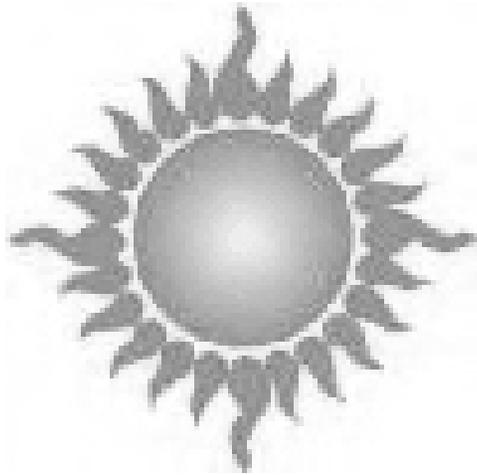


Whispering Lake Grove ADF



A Midsummer Nights Dream

June 26, 2011

6:30 PM

PREPARATION

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Grollwynn)

Joining our hands and closing our eyes, take a few deep cleansing breaths (*pause 4 count*). We now stand together in this Middlerealm, 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!

Honoring Our Grove Patron (Isaura)

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!

Irish whiskey is offered.

Manannan, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, be welcome among us!

OPENING PRAYERS

(Jim)

Musical Signal- *A Thor's Hammer strikes the anvil 9 times.*

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother (Isaura)

kneeling at the well

Ancient One of ever changing beauty

Primal Mother of Gods and Men

And Great Goddess of Sovereignty

We are renewed in your waters

Cradled within your mantel of green

And sustained by your abundance

Earth Mother, we call upon the life-giving magic of the Earth!

Earth Mother, accept our offering!

Milk is offered upon the earth to the Earth Mother

All: Earth Mother, All Hail and Welcome!

Sky Father (Carrion)

standing at the sacred fire arms outstretched to the sky.

Flashing One of the Sun's healing warmth

Brilliant Father of the Clear Sky

And Great God of the creative spark

We are purified between your flames

Strengthened through your radiant light

And prosper from your fertility

Sky Father, we call upon the illuminating power of the Sky!

Sky Father, accept our offering!

Olive Oil is offered.

All: Sky Father, All Hail and Welcome!

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.

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 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: Bragi, All Hail and Welcome!

THE SACRED CENTER & RECREATING THE COSMOS

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.

*At this time the space and participants will be censured and asperged
as we continue to recreate the cosmos.*

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.

To Land, Sea & Sky (Carrion)

The waters support and surround us.

From the Underworld below,

Sacred waters flow within this well.

Offering of silver is made to the well.

The land extends about us.

Within the Middleworld,

Sacred trees grow within this place.

Offering of water from the well and incense is made.

The sky stretches above us.

From the Heavens above,

Sacred sparks burn within this fire.

Offering of incense is made to the fire.

And at the center burns a living flame.

(All) Let us pray with a good fire.

(All) May all the Kindred bless us.

(All) May our worship be true.

(All) May our actions be just.

(All) May our love be pure.

(All) Blessings, honor and worship to the holy ones.

*Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith, modified by Raven &
Carrion Mann.*

Weaving the Druids Mist (Artos)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Raven)

Story: "Baldr lies dead"

OPENING THE GATES

Invocation to the Gatekeeper

(Raven)

Upon the windy Tree hung the Wanderer,

(Carrion)

Seeking the wisdom of the past.

(Raven)

For nine long nights Harr journeyed alone,

(Carrion)

Seeking the knowledge of the present.

(Raven)

With unyielding strength Odin sacrificed himself,

(Carrion)

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)

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

Sacred Fires ignite the waters of the earth.

(Carrion)

Primal Waters feed the order of the cosmos.

(Grollwynn)

World Tree join the heavens with the earth.

(Raven)

Striking a sigil over the fire.

Let these flames carry our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

(Carrion)

Striking a sigil over the well.

Let these waters carry our praise and sacrifice to the Mighty Dead.

(Grollwynn)

Striking a sigil upon the tree.

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

By the land before us!

(Carrion)

By the seas about us!

(Raven)

By the sky above us!

(Raven)(Carrion)(Grollwynn)

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

(Raven)(Carrion)(Grollwynn)

Odin, we now stand at the center of all worlds!

GENERAL OFFERINGS TO AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRITS

(Carrion)

From the center of all worlds let us now call forth our allies. May they stand with us this day!

(Isaura)

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights,

(Isaura) Noble Ones, join us as we honor Baldar and celebrate Midsummer.

Landvettir, accept our offering!

Seeds are offered.

Landvettir, All Hail and Welcome!

(Artos)

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Mighty Ones, join us as we honor Baldar and celebrate Midsummer.

Alfar and Disir, accept our offering!

Beer and Bread are offered.

Alfar and Disir, All Hail and Welcome!

(Jim)

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, join us as we honor Baldar and
celebrate Midsummer.
Shining and Chthonic Ones, accept our offering!
Olive Oil is offered.
Shining and Chthonic Ones, All Hail and Welcome!

(Grollwynn) Let us now raise our voices in song to the
Kindred.

*Hail all the Gods,
Hail all the Goddesses,
Hail all the Holy Ones,
We dwell together.*

*Lords of the sky,
Ladies of the sacred earth,
Spirits and the ancestors,
We dwell together.*

*Hail all the Gods!
Hail all the Goddesses!
Hail all the Gods and Goddesses!*

Repeat chant 3x

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Miller and Gail Williams*

Mighty Kindred, accept our offerings!
All: Mighty Kindred, All Hail and Welcome!

HONORING THE DEITY OF THE RITE

Invocation to Baldar (Carrion)

Oh, Invincible God of Radiant Light and Life.
Youthful Lord of Beauty and Son of the Clear Sky.
Beloved God of the Ases and all Hope of an Age.
May your sacred spark burn within us.
Baldar, accept our offerings!

Alcohol is offered.

Baldar, be with us!

All: Balder, be with us!

*A heart beat drumbeat begins and the ship is processed by the
warriors of the grove and set within the space as a heartbeat
drum beats.*

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

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

FINAL SACRIFICE

*The drum beat continues through the offerings. The Grove
warriors once more come forth and place the ship on the fire.
A final offering of oil is made to Baldar.*

(Carrion)

The light and hope of our world now travels to Hella's hall.
Locked away from the folk and the Gods.
A cold wind blows as the horn sounds throughout Midgard.
Darkness has filled our hearts and hearth..

(Raven) *Story of Ragnarok with drumming.*

(Raven)

But all hope is not lost... for hidden within the embers of the first fire a spark of hope remains.

Let us call forth this sacred fire as the Hope of an Age returns to us.

(Artos)

A chant begins: Sacred Fire burn within us.

(Carrion)

A fire is struck with flint and steal as the world is created anew.

Let the flame that burns within our hearts and our hearth, grow, purify and transform the spirits world.

As Baldar returns to us the fire within our hearts and our hearth grows.

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

(Artos)

Energy/mana returning from the gates following the final sacrifice will be infused into blessing vessels by utilizing flame from the fire to collect the blessing. Burning alcohol will be poured into the alcoholic waters and fire extinguished within the none alcoholic waters to transfer the blessing.

THE WORK

(Carrion)

Prior to ritual participants will record on slips of paper something they would like to remove from their lives and on the other side of the paper they will record what they want to

replace the thing they are ridding themselves of with. Baldar was asked to aid us in this work for a new beginning from the ashes of the old.

THE OMEN

(Raven)

The Grove Seer will take an omen to determine the nature of the blessings received. A fire omen will be taken from the lighting of the fire with flint and steal.

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Carrion) Baldar, Mighty Hope of an Age and Chief of the Aesir, we thank you for the spark of hope and fire of transformation you have given to us. **(offering a final token of oil is given)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Idun, we thank you!

(Grollwynn) 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. 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 of oil is given)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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.

By the seas about us!

(Raven)

By the sky above us!

(Raven, Carrion & Grollwynn)

Let the Gates be closed!

THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

(Carrion) Ancient Mystery of the Sky and First Father of the
Aesir, may we forever remember your sacrifice. **(a final token
of oil)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again
by the hearth's fire.

All: Sky Father, we thank you!

(Isaura) Primal Mother of Earth, may you continue to grant us
peace and plenty. Ancient Mother, we thank you for all life. **(a
final token of herbs are 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

(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!

(Jim)

Musical Signal- *A drum beats 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 arise and overwhelm us.

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