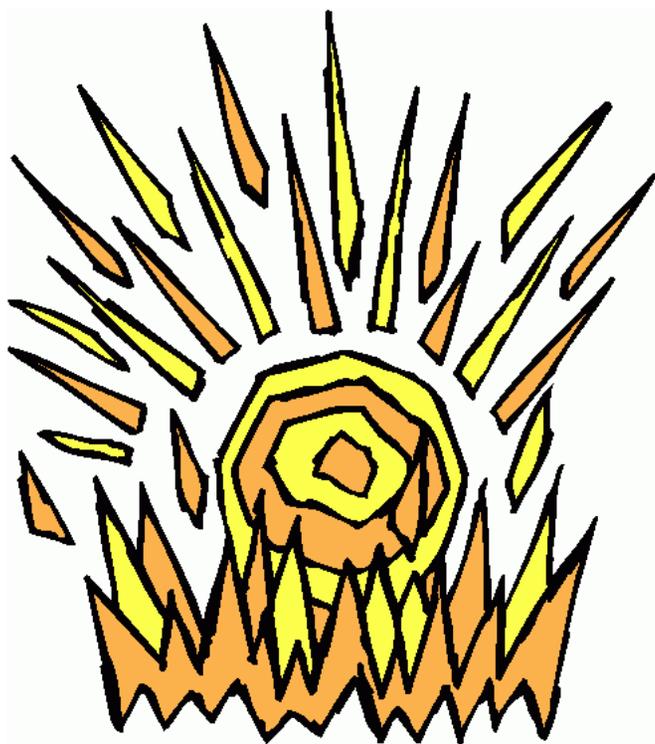


Whispering Lake Grove, ADF

Presents



Midsummer

June 28, 2015

ATTUNEMENT (Chris)

The attunement will take place following the briefing inside and we will process outside following the attunement and Grove Patron offering.

Joining our hands and closing our eyes, breathe deeply, (pause) feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth, (pause) in your mind's eye see the Sky that stretches above us, (pause) and feel the presence of the Sea that surrounds us. (pause) We stand together in the Middle Realm, the world that we share with the Spirits of Nature.

Below us exists the Underworld realm of our Ancestors and the sacred source of the primal waters. Reaching far beneath you seek the primal waters. Let us call to them as they rise to meet us, 'sacred waters flow within us.' **All:** 'sacred waters flow within us'. Feel the waters as they enter your being filling the cauldron within your belly, (pause) within your heart (pause) and finally within your head (pause). Feel the creative potential that flows throughout your being.

Tuning your attention skyward, know that above us stretches the Heavens, realm of the Gods and home of the first fire. Reaching far beyond the sky seek the primal fire. Let us call upon this sacred spark of the first fire, 'sacred fire burn within us'. **All:** 'sacred fire burn within us'. See the illuminating radiance of the sacred fire as it shines upon you igniting the potential that flows within you. See the flames of the first fire ignite the cauldron within your head, (pause) the cauldron within your heart (pause) and finally the cauldron within your belly (pause).

Feel these primal powers as they surge through you. Your heart beats with the very pulse of all worlds. The fire and water that flows through our veins connects us to the worlds, the realms and the Kindred. As we open our eyes let us be one in this place!

HONORING THE GROVE PATRON (Maggie the Weaver)

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 of Irish whiskey is made to Manannan.

Manannan, Mist Weaver, accept our offering!

All: Manannan, accept our offering!

PROCESSION

(Carrion)

Let us now raise our voice as one people. The procession will be lead by Carrion carrying a large Sun Wheel for the event.

In song

Burn Fire

Burn Fire, Burn Bright, Pure Vision Come to Me,

Guide My Path Tonight With Your Strength and Light.

Author of Chant Unknown

Repeat chant until all have entered the ritual space.

The ritual space will be censed and asperged prior to the participants entering. The participants will be censed and asperged by Diana and Maggie the Baker as they enter the ritual area.

(Carrion) *Musical Signal:* A hammer strikes and anvil 3X3 times.

(Hammer strikes 3 times) Urd record the passing of our work!

(Hammer strikes 3 times) Verdandi watch over our work as it occurs!

(Hammer strikes 3 times) Skuld bless the work we have yet to complete!

Hammer Rite (Carrion)

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!

Hammer Rite Written by The Troth

OPENING BLESSINGS

Honoring the Earth Mother (Maggie the Baker)

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!

Nerthus, accept our offering!

An offering of bread is made.

All: Nerthus, accept our offering!

Honoring the Sky Father (Chris)

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!

Ty, accept our offering!

An offering of oil is made.

All: Ty, accept our offering!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration (Morrighan)

Heralds of the Hero's Hall

Skalds of the Saga's Stage

Bards of the Boldest and Brave

Gift us with your grace.

Pour down your eloquence

Insight our words

Inspire our songs

Light the fire in the head!

An offering of honey is made.

Beings of Inspiration, accept our offering!

All: Beings of Inspiration, accept our offering!

PURPOSE AND PRECEDENT (Carrion)

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one folk;

To worship and honor the Kindred as one people;

Celebrating the fertility of the world around us,

As we honor Sunna's radiance that has reached its' height!

We assemble our kin and clan beneath the Sky;

To make sacrifice to the Kindred;

Receiving their blessings in return,

As we honor Freyr and Freya, Bringers of continued fertility and

good harvest and Mighty Thor, Defender of Life and Champion of

Asgard.

We join together this eve to keep the Feast of Midsummer.

To honor the cycle of life, death and rebirth.

As the wheel turns once again,

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!

ESTABLISHING THE SACRED CENTER & RECREATION OF THE COSMOS

Recreating the Cosmos (Maggie the Baker)

In the beginning and so too in the end; there was but the fires of the

Sky and the waters of the Earth and between them a vast emptiness.

Now, within the vast emptiness the illuminating power of the

heavens and the creative potential of the Earth converged. The fires

of the Sky ignited the waters of the Earth and new life began to stir.

Through the union of fire and water came forth the worlds, the realms and the Mighty Kindred., nine holy things which would create all others.

Fire, Well & Tree (*chant*) (**Carrion**)

All in song

*By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky
We stand like the World-Tree rooted, deep, crowned high.*

*By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky
We stand like the World-Tree rooted, deep, crowned high.*

*Come we now to the Well, the eye and the mouth of Earth,
Come we now to the Well, and silver we bring.
Come we now to the Well, the waters of rebirth
Come we now to the Well, together we sing.
An offering of silver or crystal is made to the well.*

CHORUS

*We will kindle a Fire, Bless all, and with harm to none,
We will kindle a Fire, and offering pour,
We will kindle a Fire, a light 'neath the Moon and Sun,
We will kindle a Fire, our spirits will soar.
An offering of incense is made to the fire.*

CHORUS

*Gather we at the Tree, the root & the crown of all
Gather we at the Tree, below & above,
Gather we at the Tree, together we make our call,
Gather we at the Tree, In wisdom and love.
The tree is censed and asperged.*

CHORUS

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(Maggie the Baker)

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.

INVOCATION TO THE GATEKEEPER

(Carrion)

Oh, Ancient Ones of Might and Magic,

(Morrighan)

We call to Eldest and Wisest of the Worlds,

(Grollwynn)

We seek a Priest of the Sacred Fire...

(Carrion)

To aid us in our work...

(Morrighan)

To join their magic with our own...

(Grollwynn)

And open the way between the worlds.

(Carrion, Morrighan & Grollwynn)

Fire Priest, accept our offering!

Alcohol is offered.

All: Fire Priest, accept our offering!

OPENING THE GATES

(Morrighan)

Fire Priest; 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.

(Morrighan)

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!

(Morrighan)

By the sky above us!

(Grollwynn)(Carrion)(Morrighan)

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

(Grollwynn)(Carrion)(Morrighan)

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

KINDRED OFFERINGS

(Carrion)

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!

(Jaeme)

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld,
Protectors of this sacred ground.

Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights,

Be welcome among us!

Spirits of Nature, accept our offering!

Seed is offered.

All: Spirits of Nature, accept our offering!

(Carrion)

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Alfar and Disir, guides and protectors.

Ancestors, accept our offering!

Alcohol and bread is offered.

All: Ancestors, All Hail and Welcome!

(Maggie the Weaver)

Eldest and Brightest of Asgard!

Deities of Might and Magic

Bringers of life, death and rebirth.

Mighty Aesir and Bountiful Vanir

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

Alcohol is offered.

All: Shining Ones, All Hail and Welcome!

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

All in song

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

Chant by Sonoran Sunrise Grove, ADF

KEY OFFERING

Thor (Chris)

All Hail, Ruddy Son of Earth and Sky!
For your might defends all life!
All Hail, Wielder of Great Mjollner (myoll-near)!
For it's strike wards this sacred place!
All Hail, Powerful Champion of Asgard!
For your strength brings order from chaos!
All Hail, Thundering God of Cloud Filled Skies!
For tonight we reach the height of Summer!
All Hail, Thor!
We honor you this eve.
Fire water is offered to Thor.
Mighty Thor, accept our offering!
All: Thor, All Hail and Welcome!

Freyr and Freya (Maggie the Baker)

All Hail, Bright Twins of the Sea God, Njord!
For you are Lord and Lady of the Aesir and Vanir.
All Hail, Fertile Ones of Earth and Sky!
For you complete the Cycle of Life.
All Hail, Freyr, Ruler of the Rain and Sunshine!
For your strong hand keeps life fruitful.
All Hail, Freya, Mistress of Mystery and Magic!
For you kind le the imagination and sp ark the heart.
All Hail, Freyr and Freya!
We honor you this eve!
*Mugwort and dried roses are offered into the fire
for Freyr and Freya .*
Freyr and Freya, accept our offering!
All: Freyr and Freya; All Hail and Welcome!

Sunna (Carrion)

All Hail, The Rider of the horse drawn Sun-Wagon.
For it is your hands that have shaped the Sun.
All Hail, The Gleaming One who is shining in might!

For it is your light that blesses the dying.
All Hail, The Glorious Bride of the Heavens!
For you are the foe of all who travel dark paths wishing ill-will.
All Hail, The Summer Sun!
For on M idsummer your power reaches its' height.
An offering of oil or clarified butter is made upon the fire.
Sunna, Great Goddess of Light and Life, accept our offering!
All: Sunna, All Hail and Welcome!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS (Carrion)

Children of the Earth and Sky bring forth your offerings of praise to Sun!
All are given an opportunity to make personal offerings of praise.

GROUP PRAISE OFFERING (Carrion)

In song & Dance

*We are a circle moving
One with another, we are
Moving together, we are one.
We are a circle moving
One with another, we are
Moving together, we are one.
I am spirit, and I flow in you.
You are spirit and you flow in me.
(Words and music by Marae Price)
Repeat chant 3 times*

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE (Chris)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
We honor the Mighty Mistress of the Sun. It is through our work and sacrifice that we receive her guidance, wisdom and blessings.
Tonight we call out once more from the center of all worlds to Sunna that she may heal our world, bless our work and our lives, as we prepare to make our sacrifice to her.

Let us sing, dance and make music together upon the Earth and beneath the Sky and let the power we raise here this day strengthen and sustain the patron of this rite.

Participants take up instruments to raise energy, begin to pass the Sun Wheel between them as they chant, dance and make a joyful noise to Sunna, Freyr, Freya and Thor.

Carrion will take an omen to determine if our sacrifice has been accepted and when it has the following words will be spoken.

THE OMEN (Carrion)

Carrion takes the omen as Grollwynn leads all who have assembled to direct their energy through the gate. When the omen has been drawn Carrion will pronounce each of three Runes. All in attendance will intone the runes into the blessing with Carrion's lead.

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.

(Chris) 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 Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours.

(Chris) Holy Ones your give us the waters!

All: Holy Ones give us the waters!

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

(Chris) Once again, Holy Ones give us the waters!

All: Holy Ones give us the waters!

(Carrion) We have brought our offerings. We have made sacrifice.

(Chris) One last time, Holy Ones give us the waters!

All: Holy Ones give us the waters!

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

HALLOWING OF THE WATERS

(Chris) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Chris) Holy Ones hear and bless us.

(Carrion) Great Gods & Goddesses of Life and Light, hallow these waters.

(Chris) *lifts the pitchers before the participants.*

(Chris) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

(Chris) Now Good folk, do you wish to receive the blessings Of the Holy Ones? _____. Then we shall drink deep there blessings!

The Waters are passed (Maggie the Weaver and Diana) and all participants share the waters. As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.

As the blessings are passed Carrion will lead the chant, "Blessings of the Holy Ones".

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 thyne.

The fire, the well, the sacred tree

Flow and flame and grow in me.

By Ian Corrigan

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Carrion)

Sunna we thank you for the blessings of healing you have shared with land and all those who gather. May you continue to bring warmth and light to our world **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire. Sunna, we thank you!

All: Sunna, we thank you!

(Maggie the Baker) Freyr and Freya, Lord and Lady of the Aesir and Vanir. May you continue to bring your fertility and magic into your lives. Bright Twins, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token of herbs to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Freyr and Freya, we thank you!

(Chris) Mighty Thor, Wielder of Great Mjollnir. May you continue to strike order from chaos, defending the Gods and Man from its grasp. Red-Bearded Thunderer, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token of herbs to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Thor, we thank you!

(Jaeme)

Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Worlds. 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!

(Morrighan) Beings of Inspiration, 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.

Beings of Inspiration, we thank you!

All: Beings of Inspiration, we thank you!

Closing The Gates

(Carrion) Mighty Priest of the Sacred Fire, we thank you for tending our fire and warding the way between the worlds with us. (A final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Fire Priest, we thank you!

All: Fire Priest, we thank you!

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

(Morrighan)

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. By the land before us!

(Carrion)

By the seas about us!

(Morrighan)

By the sky above us!

(Grollwynn) (Morrighan) (Carrion)

Let the Gates be closed!

All: Let the Gates be closed!

Thanking the Earth Mother and Sky Father

(Chris) 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!

(Maggie the Baker) 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!

(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 (Chris)

Once more take a few deep cleansing breaths as we reaffirm our center (*pause 4 count*). We stand together at the center of all worlds, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea. We span the worlds, connecting earth and sky and the Kindred as one (*pause 4 count*).

Remember that below us flows the primal waters filled with the potential of all life. It is these waters that surge through your very being. (*pause 8 count*)

Remember that above us burns the primal fires filled with the spark of all life. It is these powers that have illuminated the waters that surge through you. (*pause 8 count*)

The primal powers of fire and water unite within us bringing new life and balance to our beings. Our hearts beat with the very pulse of all worlds (*pause 8 count*)

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

Remember the powers of earth and sky, the sacred fire and waters, that flow within you... take what you need to maintain balance and release back to the earth and sky all that has gone unused. Know that the fire and water that flows from us helps

to sustains the worlds, the realms and the Kindred as we conclude our worship.

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

Musical Signal- A hammer strikes and anvil 3X3. (Carrion)

(Maggie the Weaver)

Manannan, we thank you for aiding us in our work, join us at our hearth and walking with us as we journey upon our paths. (*a final token is offered*) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Manannan, we thank you!

All: Manannan, we thank you!

(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.

Recessional Chant

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

CHORUS

The sky fuels the waters

And the waters sustain the skies

We walk together from this place

With the honored as our guides

Strong in our purpose

We balance and survive

From many wells of fortitude

Our spirits are revived

CHORUS

*Joyous in our sharing
We honor dead and alive
With voices of sacred wisdom
We travel the path of our lives*

CHORUS

*Fulfilled in our learning
Our souls will always thrive
In our varied hearts and minds
We keep the sacred for all time*

CHORUS

(lyrics by Isaura; music by Raven of the Sorrows)