

Whispering Lake Grove, ADF



Summer Solstice

June 21, 2020

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 the Summer Solstice. Make an offering you feel would be appropriate. You may also choose to honor and make offering to a personal patron(s) and invite them to join in the celebration. The following text is optional for non-Whispering Lake Grove members.

HONORING THE GROVE PATRON

Rider of the Maned Waves...
Protect me from the storms.
Guardian of the Threshold...
Guide me from all harm.
Magician of the Shoreline...
Bless me with your might.
Mist Weaver,
May you walk with me this night!
An offering is made to Manannan.
Manannan, Mist Weaver accept my offering!

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.*

ATTUNEMENT

I join my heart and mind with others who gather this day to celebrate the Summer Solstice. *(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.

PURPOSE AND PRECEDENT

A child of the Earth and Sky comes before this hearth to keep the Summer Solstice. I will honor the Glorious Goddess of the Sun and celebrate the Solstice beneath Söl's power and radiance that she may bring healing to the spirits of this world, to folk and to the land. I shall sing her praise and make our sacrifice, seeking her blessings in return.
May all who gather this eve be welcome!

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.

Honoring the Earth Mother

Primal Mother of the Earth and Father of the Clear Sky,
Forever, Mother and Father of all that was, of all that is and all
that will be. Your child comes before you in love and respect
and ask that you uphold and bless my gathering!

An offering of bread and incense or other appropriate offering is made.

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 of honey is made.

Beings of Inspiration accept my offering!

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 Sòl

Glorious Goddess of the Sun,
Beautiful Sister of the Moon,
Fair Daughter of Mundilfaeri,
Divine Twin of the Asynjur!

She who travels overhead each day to count our passing years!
She who drives her chariot through our sky to illuminate our world!
She who flees at great speed to escape death as it closes in on her!
She who finds the zenith of her power on the Summer Solstice!

Lend your power to our work,
Grant peace to our world,
Bring unity to all who dwell in Midgard,
Aid us to heal within your warmth and light!

Sòl, Brilliant Mystery of the Sky,
I honor you at the Summer Solstice!
An offering of alcohol or other appropriate offering is made.
Sòl accept my offering!

Take the opportunity to make personal offerings of praise to Sòl.

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

Through my praise, love, and sacrifice,
I honor the Glorious Goddess of the Sun. It is through my work and sacrifice that I receive her guidance, wisdom, and blessings.
Tonight, I call out once more from the center of all worlds to the Brilliant Mystery of the Sky that she may heal my world, bless my work, and my life, as I prepare to make my sacrifice.

Make a sacrifice/give a gift to Sòl. Ideas for this sacrifice might include, but are certainly not limited to, ghee (clarified butter), olive oil, 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.
Sòl give me the waters!

I gather with you between Earth and Sky. I am proud to call myself your child.
Sòl give me the waters!

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

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

Hallowing the Waters

Radiant Sun of Summer, hear and bless me.
Sòl 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 Sòl? If the answer is yes, drink deep her blessings. If the answer is no, thank

Sòl 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.

By Ian Corrigan

WORK (OPTIONAL)

Participants will need a sun wheel made of vine, reeds, or other material or a symbol of a sun wheel and ribbon. Participants will tie ribbons for healing to the sun wheel, calling upon Sòl to aid in this work.

Participants may also take up an instrument to raise energy, intone, chant, dance or sing while holding a four spoked sun wheel and focusing the energy raised into the wheel.

If more than one individual is present, pass the Sun Wheel between the participants as they chant, dance ect.

THANKING THE BEINGS

Sòl, 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.

Sòl, 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 and Manannan Mac Lir.

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

This right has ended...Happy Solstice everyone!



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