

WHISPERING LAKE GROVE,

ADF

Presents



Lughnasadh

July 30, 2017

6:00PM

ATTUNEMENT (Chris)

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 its 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!

(Morrighan)

Invocation to the Grove Patron

Rider of the Maned Waves
Protect Us from the Storms
Guardian of the Crossroads
Guide Us from All Harm
Magician of the Shoreline
Bless Us With Your Might
Mist Weaver, Walk With Us this Night!
Manannan Mac Lir, accept our offering!
An offering of alcohol is made.
All: Manannan Mac Lir, accept our offering!

(Chris)*Musical Signal:* A drum sounds 3X3 times

*The champion of the games will be announced by **Nathan**, have the Grove Warrior Torc placed on him or her and is handed the spear of Lugh to lead the procession.*

PURPOSE AND PRECEDENT

(Nathan)

Welcome Children of the Earth!
We have held our games of skill and strength and today we crown a new champion!

The young bull replaces the old and will now take up the Spear of Lugh and lead our community in celebration this day.

Today we gather as a community to celebrate the first harvest, the Feast of Lughnasadh, and honor Lugh, the Many Skilled One.

We shall sing his praise and make our sacrifice, seeking his blessings in return.

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

PROCESSION

In Song

*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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*Participants will be asperged and censed as they enter the Nemeton by **Morrighan and Syrus***

OPENING BLESSINGS

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Earth Mother (Maggie the Weaver)

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!

An offering of bread is made.

All: Earth Mother, accept our offering!

Sky Father (Maggie the Baker)

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!

An offering of oil is made.

Sky Father, accept our offering!

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration (Carrion)

Goddess of Inspiration & Poetry

Great Mother of Song & Music

May our words echo in the sacred well

May our hearts and minds burn with your eternal flame

May our songs resonate upon the wind

May you grant us the gift of inspiration and insight

An offering of honey is made for Brighid.

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

All: Brighid, accept our offering!

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.

Lighting the Sacred Fire (Carrion)

Let us now prepare this hall and recreate sacred space and time together.

From our hearth fire I kindle this sacred fire...

(lighting the ritual fire from a hearth candle on the sacrifice table and offering incense to the fire)

Let these flames illuminate our work, as they live within our hearts and minds.

Let these flames burn away all ill, as they bring strength to our community.

Let these flames welcome our allies, as they ward all who would stand against us!

Sacred flames burn within this fire!

Pouring the Sacred Waters (Jaeme)

From the waters of our homes, I fill this sacred well...

(pouring the Grove waters and making the offering of silver to the well)

Let these waters bring potential to our work, as they flow within each of us.

Let these waters wash away all ill, as they bring strength to our community.

Let these waters welcome our ancestors, as they ward all who would stand against us!

Sacred waters flow within this well!

Growing the Sacred Tree (Chris)

Before us the great tree begins to grow.

Roots burying deep within the Underworld

Branches reaching the highest Heavens.

Mighty ash of the ancient groves,

You are the...

Keeper of Sacred knowledge

Pillar joining Earth and Sky; the Road to all Realms.

Sacred tree grow within this place.

The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense.

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 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.

Weaving the Druids Mist (Carrion)

OPENING THE GATES (Morrighan, Carrion, Chris)
(Carrion)

Oh, Ancient Ones of Might and Magic,
(Morrighan)
We call to Eldest and Wisest of the Worlds,
(Chris)
We seek a Priest of the Sacred Fire...
(Carrion)
To aid us in our work...
(Morrighan)
To join their magic with our own...
(Chris)
And open the way between the worlds.
Alcohol is offered.
(Carrion, Morrighan & Chris)
Fire Priest, accept our offering!

All: Fire Priest, accept our offering!

In song

Gatekeeper open the portals,

Between the Gods and mortals,

Power freely flows, as our magic grows!

Repeat chant three times

Chant by Liafal

(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.

(Chris)

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.

(Chris)

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!

(Chris)(Carrion)(Morrighan)

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

(Chris)(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.

(Jaeme)

We call to the Kindred of all the Worlds!

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

Beloved allies, guides and protectors.

Join us as we celebrate Lughnasadh!

Stand with us as we honor the Might Lugh, the Many Skilled One!

Kindred, accept our offering!

All: Kindred, accept our offering!

(Carrion)

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

Oil is offered to the Kindred during each round of the chant.

KEY OFFERING

Lugh (Chris)

Bright Hero of the Tuatha

Wielder of the Spear of Glorias

And Master of Many Arts.

(Maggie the Baker)

Mighty Young Bull of the first harvest

Great Guardian of roads and travelers

Champion, Protector and King

(Carrion)

With your protection our community may prosper....

With your blessing we may we reap a good harvest...

With your guidance we shall sharpen our skill!

(Chris)

Lugh we honor you with our words,

(Maggie the Baker)

Lugh we honor you with our work

(Carrion)

Lugh we honor you with our will.

An offering of wheat bread & honey is made.

(Chris) (Maggie the Baker) (Carrion)

Lugh, accept our offering!

All: Lugh, accept our offering!

PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS (Carrion)

Children of the Earth... bring forth your offerings of praise for the Master of Many Arts.

All are given an opportunity to make personal offerings of praise.

(Nathan)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We have honored Lugh, 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 sacrifice.

The final sacrifice is prepared and made in the usual manner both raising energy and offering a final sacrifice.

It is in love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality to our guest this night.

We have sung his praise; made our sacrifice.

It is our hope that our words and sacrifice have conveyed our love.

We call once more through the Gates and deep within the

Otherworld that Lugh shall know of our devotion.

Lugh Lamhfhadha, we honor you.

The final sacrifice is made.

Lugh, accept our sacrifice!

All: Lugh, accept our sacrifice!

THE OMEN (Chris)

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) Lugh your blessings upon us!

All: Lugh your blessings upon us!

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

(Chris) Once again, Lugh your blessings upon us!

All: Lugh your blessings upon us!

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

(Chris) One last time, Lugh your blessings upon us!

All: Lugh your blessings upon us!

The pitchers are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.

(Carrion) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Chris) Lugh hear and bless us.

(Carrion) Many Skilled One, hallow these Waters of Life. *lifts the pitchers before the participants.*

(Carrion) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

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

Blessing of the Waters

*The Blessings of the Holy One
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

(Chris)

Lugh of the Long Arm, the Many Skilled One. May you continue to guide and protect us. Master of Many Arts, we thank you for your many blessings this eve. **(offering a final token is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Lugh, 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!

(Carrion) Lady Brighid, 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.

Brighid, we thank you!

All: Brighid, we thank you!

(Morrighan)

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!

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.

(Chris)

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!

(Chris) (Morrighan) (Carrion)

Let the Gates be closed!

All: Let the Gates be closed!

(Maggie the Baker) Ancient Mystery of the Sky, may you continue to illuminate the way to courage. 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.

Sky Father, we thank you!

All: Sky Father, we thank you!

(Maggie the Weaver) Primal Mother of Earth, may you continue to guide and protect us. Ancient Mother, we thank you for your blessings. (a final token is offered) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Earth Mother, we thank you!

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 (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 sustain 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 drum beats 3X3. (Chris)

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)

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