

Lughnasadh Outline

8/3/14

1. Processional Song- *Come We Now as a People*
2. Purification of Participants- as we sing the Processional Song
3. Musical Signal- Drum Beats
4. Grove Attunement & Druids Mist
5. Invocation to Grove Patron and offering

Invocation to the Earth Mother and offering
An offering of grain is made.

6. Invocation to Sky Father and offering-
We now turn our hearts and minds skyward.
We call to the ancient chieftain among our Gods.
To the One whose quiet patience is forever overhead.
We call to the Father of the Clear Sky.
To the God who wed the Mother of the Earth.
Sky Father we honor you and offer you welcome.
An offering of incense is made.
Sky Father, accept our offering!
All: Sky Father, accept our offering!

7. Invocation for Bardic Inspiration
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!

8. Purpose and Precedent- to include that we are here to celebrate the Lughnasadh, honoring Lugh and Tailtiu.

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one tribe,
To worship and honor the Kindred, as one people;
Celebrating the first fruits from the world around us.
We gather kith, kin, and clan beneath the Sky,
To make sacrifice to Lugh of the Long Arm;
Receiving his blessings in return.

We gather to ask Crom Dubh to stay his hand;
To honor Lugh, the Many Skilled One, Hero and High King of the Tuatha.
This day we keep the Feast of Lughnasadh in remembrance of Tailtiu's life giving
sacrifice for her people.

9. Fire, Well and Tree - *Portal Song*
(offerings incense, silver, and incense/water)
10. Recreation of the Cosmos- *All- The Waters Support and Surround Us...*
11. Opening the Gates-Invocation and Offering to Fire Priest

Oh, Ancient Ones of Might and Magic,
We call to Eldest and Wisest of the Worlds,
We seek a Priest of the Sacred Fire...
To aid us in our work...
To join their magic with our own...
And open the way between the worlds.

Alcohol is offered.

Fire Priest, accept our offering!

All: Fire Priest, accept our offering!

As the worlds converge within this place let us raise our voices in song to the Fire
Priest!

All in song

Sing through my voice,

Play through my hands,

Let the way be open!

Fire Priest; let us 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 our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

Striking a sigil over the well.

Let these waters carry our 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 us!

By the seas about us!

By the sky above us!

Let the Gates Be Open!

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

12. Invocation to the Nature Spirits and offering

13. Invocation to the Ancestors and offering

14. Invocation to the Shining and Chthonic Ones and offering

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

Kindred, accept our offering!

All: Kindred, accept our offering!

15. Invocation to Lugh

Bright Hero of the Tuatha

Wielder of the Spear of Glorias

And Master of Many Arts.

Mighty Young Bull of the first harvest

Great Guardian of roads and travelers

Champion, Protector and King

Through your strength and courage our tribe will prosper.

It is your image of perfection for which we strive

An offering to Lugh is made

Lugh of the Long Arm, accept our offering!

All: Lugh, be welcome among us!

Invitation for Praise Offerings -**All**

16. Seasonal Enactment

For our ancestors the time of Lughnasadh was the time of the first harvest.
The time when the first grains of barley were ground and baked into bread.
The hunger had ended and the tribe could look forward to the bountiful season of harvest.

The crops were still in danger of blight, frost or hail. This could mean a lean, hard winter to come.

The ancients sacrificed to the Dark, Bent One, Crom Dubh, that he may stay his hand until the harvest ended at Samhain.

Today as the ancient before us, let us make sacrifice to Crom...

Crom Dubh

Ancient black bowed one
Ruler of the dark and shadows
Withered old bull upon the barren land

Dark, bent one beyond the borders of our fire's light
Carrier of mankind's burdens of the harvest
Stay your hand this day.

Through your sacrifice and death;
No longer are you an Outsider among our people.
An offering of a bundle of wheat and wild flowers is made.
Crom Dubh, accept our offering!
All: Crom, be welcome among us!

Lughnasadh was also a time of gaming and Lugh, honored his foster mother with games of strength and skill.

This night we seek a champion through skill and might in honor of Lugh and Tailtiu's sacrifice.

Tailtiu-Diana

Beloved Foster-Mother of the Many Skilled One
Clearer of Ireland's Great Plain,
And maker of High Kings

Bringer of fertility and fair weather
Great Goddess of Sovereignty.
Last Queen of the Mighty Fir Bolg

Through your sacrifice and death the land does prosper.
It is in your memory we seek a champion this day!
Bless our land, our folk and our competition!

A sacrifice of bread and milk is made.

Tailtiu, Beloved Mother; accept our offering!

All: Tailtiu, accept our offering!

Let the games begin!

Competitors come forward. The joust takes place to secure a champion. Once a champion has been named...

17. Prayer of Sacrifice

Lughnasadh is also the time that the young bull vanquishes the old.
The time when Lugh stands as guardian for the survival of the tribe.
A survival that relies on a good harvest.

Upon the omen reflecting the sacrifice has been accepted...an officiant will hand the Spear of Lugh to the Champion. The Champion will sacrifice the bread bull, beheading it. The head will be given to Crom and the body to Lugh upon the fire.

Omen

Blessing of the Waters

The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.

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.

We will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours.

Lugh, give us the waters!

All: Lugh, give us the waters!

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

Once again, Lugh, give us the waters!

All: Lugh, give us the waters!

We have brought our offerings. We have made our sacrifice.

One last time, Lugh, give us the waters!

All: Lugh, give us the waters!

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

Hallowing the Waters

Behold the Waters of Life!

Many Skilled One, hear and bless us.

Lugh of the Long Arm, Master of Many Arts, hallow these Waters of Life.

The pitchers are lifted before the participants.

Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

Affirmation of the Blessing

Now Children of the Earth and Sky, do you wish to receive the blessings of Lugh?
_____. Then we shall drink deep his blessings!

As the blessings are passed as the following chant is led, “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 thyn.

The fire, the well, the sacred tree

Flow and flame and grow in me.

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18. Thank Yous- olive oil-

-Lugh

-Crom & Tailtiu

-Shining and Chthonic Ones

-Ancestors

-Noble Spirits

-Bardic Inspiration

-Gatekeeper

-Sky Father-Tyr

-Earth Mother

-Grove Patron-Manannan

Final Attunement

Musical Signal-Drum

We will keep the faith... All

Recessional Chant-*For All Time*

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