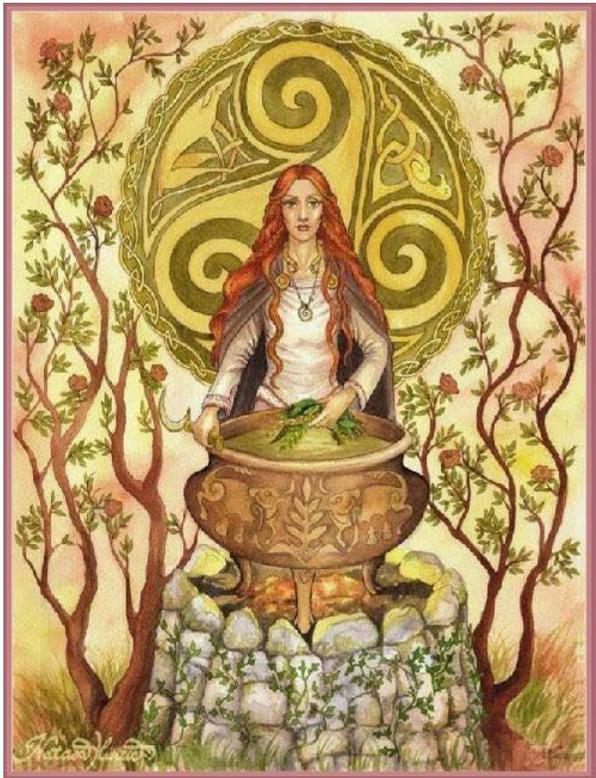


Whispering Lake Grove, ADF

Proudly Presents

Imbolc



Sunday, January 31, 2021

5:30PM

INVITATION & OFFERING TO THE SPIRITS OF THE LAND

Participants are encouraged to honor the spirits of their hearth and home. Those beings that are guardians and guides of the place in which they live. Call to them, honor them for their protection and blessings they provide and invite them to join you as we celebrate Imbolc. Make an offering you feel would be appropriate.

(Nathan)

Let us honor the spirits of our hearths and homes together.
We call to all guardians and guides in the places where we live.
Spirits of the Land we call to you,
We thank you for your protection and continued blessings.
We ask for the use of our hearths and homes for our work.
We welcome you to join us in our celebration of Imbolc!
Spirits of the Land accept our offerings!
An offering is made to the Spirits of the Land.

(Nathan)

Chant- *We Approach the Sacred Grove*

All can sing but need to mute their Zoom please so the only person we will hear is the person assigned to sing.

Musical Signal-A singing bowl tolls 3x3 times to gather the participants. **(Chris)**

HONORING OUR GROVE PATRON **(Alicia)**

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!

(Carrion)

Manannan Mac Lir raise the Druid's mist! Cloak our work in your protection until the gates are closed this night!

(Carrion)

PROCESSION

Take up the waters of your sacred well and the incense lit from your sacred fire and asperge and cense yourselves and your ritual area as we raise our voices in song this night.

In Song

Brigid Bright Lady, we rebuild your sacred fire.

Brigid Bright Lady, its your wisdom we desire

Brigid Bright Lady, Healer, Inspiration, friend

Brigid Bright Lady, We return to you again.

Author Unknown

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Carrion)

Closing your eyes, breathe deeply, in through your nose and out through your mouth. (pause) As you breathe, feel your feet firmly resting upon the snow-covered Earth, (pause) in your mind's eye see the cool-blue winter Sky that stretches above you, (pause) and feel the presence of the icy Sea that surrounds you (pause).

This night you stand at the center of the Land, Sea and Sky, at the center of all, the place where this world and the Otherworld meet. As you stand at this center, in your mind's eye see the three spiral paths that originate from where you stand. The first, directly before you, the second spiraling to the right of you and third spiraling off to the left, forming a triskelion around you.

From the path to the left you feel a cool damp breeze, hear waves crashing against a distant shoreline and see the foggy dew that

approaches. As this power reaches you, feel the refreshing mist of water from the sacred well of the deep. You are renewed and reborn in these waters. Let this magic wash over you and flow within you, cleansing your being. Allow these waters to fill you with creative potential, as they wash away all ill. This magic brings healing your mind, body, and spirit!

To your right you feel a warm wind, hear the familiar sound of a hammer upon an anvil, sparks from the forge's fire float upon the warm wind that moves toward you. As this warm wind reaches you, see this illuminating magic ignite the fire of your hearth and feel this power feed the flame within your heart. The fire of your hearth and heart, ignites the fire of inspiration in your head. This magic brings inspiration, warmth, and the power of transformation to you!

The path before you, radiates a golden light that also moves toward you. As this power reaches you, you are cradled in the nurturing love of a mother and empowered with strength and peace. Feel the inspiration and insight this magic reveals. This magic brings the strength and courage of the warrior, the love of the Foster Mother and the magic current of the initiate. It prepares you for the work that lies ahead!

Feel the transformational magic of Brigid! Through her magic and skill may you be renewed and reborn, may you know the cleansing power of the sacred well and the healing magic of the waters.

May you be empowered with the strength and courage of a warrior, a champion of peace and justice, may you be loved for exactly who and what you are, and transformed and protected by the light of the forge.

May the light of your hearth be welcoming, your words be inspired and may Brigid grant us the wisdom to walk with Her as she Walks with Us, Suil Linn a Brigid!

As we open our eyes let us be one in this place, prepared for our work, let us now recreate the cosmos together!

(meditation inspired by the 9 Aspects of Brighid by Diana Paar)

(Maggie the Weaver)

The waters support and surround us,
Sacred waters fill your well with your healing magic!

(an offering is made to the well)

The land extends about us,
Sacred tree carry our words through all the worlds!

(the tree is asperged and sensed)

The sky stretches above us,
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 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.

All In Song (Chris)

Deep Peace (Author Unknown)

Deep peace of flowing air to you

Deep peace of the sacred flame

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth

May peace, may peace, may peace fill your soul

Let peace, let peace, let peace make you whole.

Repeat Chant 3 times

OPENING PRAYERS

(Groa)

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

Our bodies are supported and sustained by the Mother of the Land;
Created of the Earth's raw potential, reborn from the waters of the Sacred Well, to which we shall all return.

Our spirits are supported and sustained by the Father of the Clear Sky; Potential of the Earth is transformed and enlivened thru his spark.

Earth Mother and Sky Father, you cradle our Ancestors, preserve their memory, and renew the lives of your children, know that we remember and honor your gifts. We ask that you uphold and bless our work this night.

An offering is made to the Earth Mother and Sky Father.

Earth Mother and Sky Father accept our offering!

(Nathan)

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

Great Goddess of Poetry; Mother of Song and Music;

May our words echo in the sacred well;

May our hearts and minds burn with an eternal flame;

May our songs resonate upon the wind;

May you grant us the gift of inspiration and eloquence!

An offering of honey is made.

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

(Chris)

This night we make ready our hearths and homes for a visit from a very special guest. The fire of spring has been secretly lit within the shadows of darkness. New life begins to stir deep beneath the blanket of white, as the Greenworld awakens from its slumber. Tonight, we celebrate in sacred tradition the lengthening light, returning warmth and first stirring of Springtime. With praise, love

and sacrifice we shall honor Lady Brighid that her blessings of health, wealth and wisdom might be ours!

(Diana Paar)

OPENING THE WAY BETWEEN THE 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.

(Maggie the Weaver)

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 Imbolc.
Stand with us as we honor Brighid this night.
An offering is made to the Kindred.
Mighty Kindred accept our offering!

(Maggie the Weaver) 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

(Groa)

Invocation to Brighid

I sing now of ancient magic:
The power of the smith
To bend matter to her will.

This magic comes from the earth:

The veins of the Mother are tapped;
The strike of the pick pries out the ore.

This magic comes from fire:
The blazing heat of the furnace
Changes mud to shining metal.

This magic comes from air:
The bellows' rushing breath
Sustains the roaring forge-fire.

This magic comes from water:
The dripping sweat of labor,
The cooling bath that tempers.

This magic comes from spirit:
The skill to work and shape,
The will to see it through.

This magic ends once more in earth:
A blade for slaying, a needle for making,
A ploughshare to open the generous soil.

Lady Brighid, bless our art:
Mother of mothers, bless the ground of our intention,
Goddess of the forge, bless the fire of transformation,
Patroness of bards, bless the air of adaptation,
Lady of the Well, bless the waters of moderation;
Beloved Brighid the many-skilled,
Strengthen hands and heart and will,
Help us accomplish our work.
Invocation to Brighid written by Ann Sheffield (Groa)

An offering is made to Brighid

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

Carrion (with brigeog in hand-knocks three times at the door)

Brighid has come!

All: Brighid is most welcome! (*Carrion enters with the brigeog place Her in the Ritual are as the following song is sung. Upon concluding the song, Carrion places Brighid within her bed.*)

(Carrion) Song- Hymn to Brighid

O Bridget, our heart, our brightest queen

Cast your blessings unto us.

We are your children and you are our mother,

So hearken unto us.

You are the cauldron now in our Grove,

Wise woman inspire us.

O Fire of Love, O Fire of Life

Please Bridget, come to us!

Lyrics by Isaac Bonewits

Praise Offerings **(Carrion)**

At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to Brighid.

(All participants are given an opportunity to offer to and praise Brighid)

PRAYER OF SACRIFICE **(Chris)**

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We honor the Goddess Brighid as she walks among us.

This night a gift calls for a gift let us keep the Ancient Bargain and make our sacrifice!

SACRIFICE

Group Sacrifice will be done in the form of a group chant shared by MP3. Participants may sing along with the recording, but should keep their computer microphones muted.

In Song (in a 4 part round)

Holy water, sacred flame

Brighid we invoke your name

Bless my hands, my head, my heart

Source of healing, song and art.

(words by Diane Baker/music by Anne Hill)

THE OMEN

Chris will take the omen as the following song is sung by All and pronounce the omen upon conclusion of the song three times through:

(Carrion to lead chant)

Come Druids all ovates and seers

And let your minds be still

Earth, sea and sky will lend you know fears

As Brighid's reveals her will.

Let every heart sing praise to her

And all our works be skills

Claiming her blessings to the very end

As Brighid's reveals her will.

(original words by Sean Miller, modified by Carrion Mann)

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.

(Carrion & 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.

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

Brighid give us the waters!

All: Brighid give us the waters!

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

Once again, Brighid, give us the waters!

All: Brighid, give us the waters!

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

One last time, Brighid give us the waters!

All: Brighid, give us the waters!

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

Hallowing the Waters

Behold the Waters of Life!

Lady Brighid, hear and bless us.

Great Goddess of Many Arts, hallow these Waters of Life.

lifts the pitchers before the participants.

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".

The Work

Carrion-*The first candle is lit from the hearth's fire saying:*

Through this flame may all that lay sleeping beneath winter's blanket of white be renewed. May she bring forth new life and fertility to our world, our work, and our lives.

Maggie the Weaver-*A second candle is lit saying:*

Through this flame may we cleanse and purify our hearts, our bodies, and our minds that we may find peace within us. May she show us the way to wisdom and ancient knowledge.

Amber-*A third candle is lit from the hearth's fire saying:*

Through this flame may the healing warmth and light of the sun return to us. As the days grow longer, and life begins to stir within the Earth, let hope be renewed. May she show us the way to balance and healing!

Carrion-*A fourth candle is lit from the hearth's fire saying:*

Through this flame may we be shielded from all that would wish us ill. May her flame grant us the courage and strength to defend those who cannot defend themselves!

Chris-*A fifth candle is lit from the hearth's fire saying:*

Through this flame may we extend our love and compassion to the Kindred and the folk. May her flame's warmth foster acceptance and hospitality for all.

Groa-*A sixth candle is lit from the hearth's fire saying:*

Through this flame may we forge our way within the world that we may travel in safety beneath its shield. May she strengthen hands, hearts, and will!

Nathan-*A seventh candle is lit from the hearth's fire saying:*

Through this flame may our hearts and minds burn with the spark of inspiration that kindles new beginnings and fosters creativity within us. May she bring eloquence, inspiration, and insight to our words and deeds!

Diana- A eighth candle is lit saying:

Through this flame may we find protection for our hearths and homes. May she bless the fire of our hearths that they may be a source of comfort and safety when facing the storms of our lives!

Drum-A ninth candle is lit saying:

Through this flame may we bring forth the ways of old with new vitality. May her eternal fire burn bright within us that we may inspire others and share her light. May she guide us to act with the truest integrity always!

(work section inspired by the 9 Aspects of Brighid by Diana Paar)

THANKING THE BEINGS

(Groa) Lady Brighid, Great Goddess of Smithcraft. We thank you for the blessings you have given us. (a final token is offered) May you continue to inspire our hearts and minds. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire. Brighid, we thank you.

(Maggie the Weaver) 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. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire. Kindred, we thank you!

(Diana Paar)

CLOSING THE WAY BETWEEN THE WORLDS

THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY

FATHER

(Groa)

Earth Mother and Sky Father, we thank you for the blessings of fertility you have shared with us.

May you continue to support and sustain us, upholding and blessing our work and world.

May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Earth Mother and Sky Father, we thank you!

(Alicia)

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!

(Nathan)

Spirits of this Land, we thank you for continuing to aid us in our work, for the use of this place for our worship and for your protection of our hearths and homes. May there be peace between us until we meet once more by the hearth's fire.

Spirits of the Land, 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

(Carrion)

Unmerging, Regrounding & Recentering: Meditation

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 singing bowl chimes 3X3.* (Chris)

(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.

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