

Whispering Lake Grove
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Ostara

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Grove Attunement

(Sacrificer) Closing your eyes, take a few deep, cleansing breaths in through your nose and out through your mouth; **(pause for a 4 count)** in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 4 count)**. As you breathe, begin to slow your busy thoughts **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Bard) Feel the warmth returning on the spring breeze. See this breeze as it carries the gentle rain from the Sky to the Earth **(pause for a 4 count)**. See this gentle rain as it washes away your worries and troubles of this world. **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Sacrificer) Feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth. Imagine that from your feet roots begin to grow **(pause for a 2 count)**. See your roots as they break through the awakening Earth. **(pause for a 4 count)**

(Bard) Feel your roots as they reach the swift current of the primal waters **(pause for a 4 count)**. With each breath, draw this current up through your roots and into your body. **(pause for a 4 count)** Feel this ancient energy as it restores you and lends strength to your being. **(pause for a 4 count)**

(Sacrificer) Turning your attention Skyward, extending your arms high into the sky above **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel your arms begin to lengthen like the branches of the mighty ash. See your branches reaching the depths of the cosmos. **(pause for a 4 count)** Feel the primal power of the Sun; of the Moon and of the Stars.

(Bard) A flash of electric energy rushes toward your out stretched limbs. Feel this electric power of the Sky as it shoots down your arms, illuminates your mind and mingles with the Earth energy throughout your body **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Sacrificer) Feel the power of Earth and Sky as the energies merge within you. Feel the strength and balance this power brings to you **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Bard) Opening your eyes, see all who have joined together this night as one tribe and one people **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel the harmony that surrounds you as we begin our worship between the Earth and Sky.

Procession

(Bard) Now let us raise our voices in song as we proceed to our Nemeton.

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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Repeat until all participants have entered the Nemeton and have been censed by D1 and D2.

Once all participants have been purified, 3 hammer strikes will announce the beginning of the ritual with the following words.

(Druid 3)

(Hammer strike) Urd record the passing of our work!

(Hammer strike) Verdandi watch over our work as it occurs!

(Hammer strike) Skuld bless the work we have yet to complete!

Words written by Wolf of Winter Night

Opening Blessings

Earth Mother (Druid 1)

Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth
First and Eldest of the Van
You cradle the World Tree in your loving embrace
Ancient Mother of Midgard

Cloaked in green and brown
Adorned with amber bright
You sow fertility in the fields and folk
We call forth your cattle drawn carriage from its sacred grove

May our weapons be sheathed
May our thoughts be of peace
May our fields yield plenty

(Sacrificer) *Jet is sacrificed to Nerthus.*

Nerthus, Ancient Earth Mother, accept our sacrifice!

All: Nerthus, All Hail and Welcome!

Sky Father (Druid 2)

Mighty Tyr, Ancient Mystery of the Sky
Boldest and Most Courageous of the Aesir
You make fertile the Earth with your seed
Bright Father of Midgard

Primal power to sway victory in battle
Bringer of order and binder of chaos
You sacrifice yourself for the folk
We call forth your might and ancient wisdom

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.

(Sacrificer) *Clarified butter is sacrificed to Tyr.*

Tyr, Ancient Sky Father, accept our sacrifice!

All: Tyr, All Hail and Welcome!

Divine Inspiration (Bard)

You traveled afar to Gunnlod's court.
The blood of Kvasir (Kvah-seer) your quest.
A giant, a snake and three sips of the brew,
And the treasure of Suttung (Soot-ung) was yours.

You cunningly took what was stolen by force
And to Asgard on eagles wings flew.
Returning to the Gods, a most precious gift
That is shared with the folk at your will.

But without chaos; order can not be
Blood brothers forever Mighty Odin and Sly Loki.
We offer this night a portion to chaos
That order may assume its rightful place.

(Sacrificer) *One quarter of Odin's honey is sacrificed to Loki.*

Mighty All-Father of the Aesir
Winner, keeper and giver of the Mead of Poetry
Pour down your mead upon us this night
That our songs and praise may echo throughout the nine worlds.

(Sacrificer) *The remaining honey is sacrificed to Odin*

Odin, One-Eyed Wanderer, accept our sacrifice!

All: Odin, All Hail and Welcome!

(Bard) Now let us raise our voices in song as one people.

Deep Peace (Author Unknown)

*Deep peace of the 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

Purpose and Precedent (Druid 4)

We gather this eve upon the Earth.
In celebration of the turning wheel.
Enjoying the warmth and protection of our hearth.
While we welcome our friends about us.

We gather this eve beneath the Sky.
In celebration of life anew,
Enjoying the returning warmth and light of the sun.
While we welcome the Kindred among us.

We gather this eve at the crossroads.
In celebration of the Feast of Ostara.
Enjoying the sights and sounds of Spring.
While we welcome the rebirth of the natural world before us.

Fire, Well & Tree

To the Fire (Druid 1)

Kindled of the hearth fire
Sacred flame upon the Earth
Joining together hearts and minds
Darkness banished before the roaring blaze

Transcending the realm of light and shadow
Purifier and cleanser of mind, body and spirit
Sacred fire open as a way to the Shining Ones.

(Sacrificer) *Incense is sacrificed to the fire.*

To the Well (Druid 2)

Threshold to the Otherworld
Window to the souls
Cauldron of inspiration
Sacred shrine of old

Ford of cleansing waters
Vessel of rebirth
Sacred well open as a path to the Mighty Dead.

(Sacrificer) *Silver is sacrificed to the well.*

To the Bile (Druid 3)

Mighty ash of the ancient grove
Roots burying deep within the Underworld
Wise teacher of traditions old
Branches reaching into the heavens.

Keeper of sacred knowledge
Pillar joining Earth and Sky; spanning all worlds

Road to all realms
Sacred tree, let all who walk this way walk in your wisdom.

(Sacrificer) *The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense.*

To Land, Sea & Sky (Druid 4)

The waters support and surround us.
The land extends about us.
The sky stretches above us.
And in 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 and honor and worship to the Holy Ones.

Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith

(Bard) We now raise our voices in song.

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, and together we sing*

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.*

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.*

Chorus

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Opening the Gates (Druid 4)

Heimdall, Son of the Nine Waves; Father of Mankind
It is your might and magic that wards the threshold.

White Lord of the Crossroads; Sounder of Gjallarhorn
It is your warning that all will hear before Ragnarok.

Mighty Watchman of the Gods, this night we ask for your
protection and guidance as we travel between Midgard and
Asgard.

(Sacrifice) *Dark ale is sacrificed to Heimdall.*

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, accept our sacrifice!

All: Heimdall, All Hail and Welcome!

Heimdall, merge now your magic with mine!

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.
And the mist arising from the well,
Flame and mist converging upon the tree
Forming a meeting place between the realms.

Striking the hammer sign over the fire

Let the fire burning towards the heavens open as a gate that we
may follow the way to Asgard.

Striking the hammer sign over the well

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld open as a gate
that we may follow the way to the Mighty Dead.

Let the tree, bridge between Earth & Sky, be open to us.

All: Let the Gates Be Open!

(Bard) Let us now sing our praise to Heimdall.

In song

*Gatekeeper open the portals,
Between the Gods and mortals,
Power freely flows, as our magic grows!*

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Repeat chant three times

Kindred Offerings

Landvettir (Druid 1)

Beasts of legend and lore
Lurkers of mist and shadow
Creatures of fur, fin and feather
Allies of the middle realm

Guardians of the woodland and stream
Protectors of the mountain and glen
Spirits of the natural world
Companions in life, death and rebirth

Beings of myth and magic
Messengers of the Otherworld
Dweller of land, sea and sky
Watchers of this sacred ground

Noble Spirits who inspire our hearts and minds
Creatures who guide our actions and intentions
Join us this night as we celebrate the Feast of Ostara!
Hear us, Spirits both great and small, for we are in need of your company!

(Sacrificer) *Seeds and cream are sacrificed to the Landvettir.*

Landvettir, known and unknown, accept our sacrifice!

All: Landvettir, All Hail and Welcome!

Alfar and Disir (Druid 2)

Priests of magic and lore
Chieftains of kith and clan
Bringers of law and order
Might Ones of the realm below

Heros of myth and legend
Warriors of strength and courage
Champions of might and honor
Beloved dead of blood and spirit

Hunters of forest and glade
Tenders of flock and field
Fishers of lake, sea and stream
Ancestors of flesh and bone

Mighty Ones who inspire our hearts and minds
Ancestors who guide our actions and intentions.
Join us this night as we celebrate the Feast of Ostara!
Hear us, Teachers and Guides, for we are in need of your wisdom!

(Sacrificer) *Dark ale and dark bread are sacrificed to the Alfar and Disir.*

Alfar and Disir, known and unknown, accept our sacrifice!

All: Alfar and Disir, All Hail and Welcome!

The Aesir (Druid 3)

Guardians of hearth and home
Protectors of kith and kin
Bringers of peace and plenty
Shining Ones of the realm above

Champions of honor and might
Wielders of war and destruction
Dwellers of light and shadow
Deities of land, sea and sky

Patrons of song and music
Masters of fire and forge
Warders of the thresholds
Gods of life, death and rebirth

Shining Ones who inspire our hearts and minds
Gods who guide our actions and intentions
Join us this night as we celebrate the Feast of Ostara!
Hear us Eldest and Brightest for we are in need of your blessings!

(Sacrificer) *Clarified butter and apples are sacrificed to the Shining Ones.*

Aesir, known and unknown, accept our sacrifice!

All: Aesir, All Hail and Welcome!

(Bard) Let us now raise our voices in honor of the Kindred.

Hail all the Gods!
Hail all the Goddesses!
Hail all the Holy Ones!
We dwell together!

Repeat chant 3 times

Key Offerings

Thor (Druid 3)

All Hail, Ruddy Son of Earth and Sky!
For your might defends all new life!

All Hail, Wielder of Great Mjollner (myoll-near)!
For its' strike breaks their icy grip!

All Hail, Powerful Champion of Asgard!
For your strength has seen us through the long dark!

All Hail, Thundering God of Spring's Protection
For tonight we reach the winter's end!

All Hail, Thor!
We honor you this eve,
And welcome you to our hall.

(Sacrificer) *An offering of hard alcohol and porridge is made.*

Thor, accept our sacrifice!

All: Thor, All Hail and Welcome!



Freyr (Druid 2)

All Hail, Forceful Lord of the Awakening Earth!
For your strong hand keeps life fruitful!

All Hail, Bright Son of the Sea God, Njord!
For your light warms the dormant womb of the Earth!

All Hail, Fertile God of Peace and Plenty!
For through you all things grow and prosper!

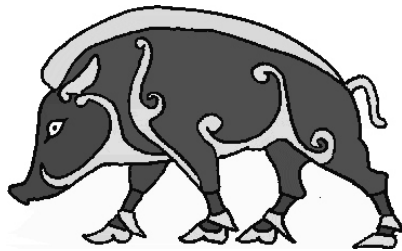
All Hail, Ruler of the Rain and Sunshine!
For tonight we reach the winter's end!

All Hail, Freyr!
We honor you this eve,
And welcome you to our hall.

(Sacrificer) *An offering of bird seed and grain is made.*

Freyr, accept our sacrifice!

All: Freyr, All Hail and Welcome!



Ostara (Druid 1)

All Hail, Fair Lady of the Growing Light!
For your touch brings forth new life!

All Hail, Bright Lady of the Radiant Dawn!
For your breath warms the frosty air!

All Hail, Fertile Lady of New Beginnings!
For through you, all that sleeps shall be reborn!

All Hail, Great Goddess of Spring's renewal.
For tonight we reach the winter's end!

All Hail Ostara!
We honor you this eve,
And welcome you to our hall.

(Sacrificer) *An offering of hot crossed buns and chocolate is made.*

Ostara, accept our sacrifice!

All: Ostara, All Hail and Welcome!



Seasonal Enactment

Following the Seasonal Enactment, ritual participants are given an opportunity to make praise offerings in the form of poetry, song, dance, or works of their hands etc.

(Druid 4) Good Folk, long has the snow laid deep upon our land. Long has the icy chill gripped our hearts and long has the deep dark gripped our minds.

For too long Old Man Winter has held sway over the land, but tonight his reign has ended.

Tonight we celebrate the growing light and the coming of Spring. Tonight we celebrate for the tribe has survived another long dark and the horn has yet to sound.

(Holding up Old Man Winter) Behold, Old Man Winter!

The Liturgist will move to the Southern fire and pick up the lamp to ward chaos moving before the participants as they drive Old Man Winter to his place of final sacrifice. Two members of the company will stay behind to light the candles that have been prepared.

We will enter the land of chaos, but it will hold no sway upon us for before us we carry a flame of the sacred fire.

Good folk, join with me now as we give Old Man Winter his just due. Join with me this eve as we drive him beyond the fire's light.

Druid 4 will toss Old Man Winter into the ritual space. Participants will start kicking and beating Old Man Winter about the room and out of the Nemeton and into the parking lot.

(Sacrificer) *Once outside the Sacrificer will take Old Man Winter and drowned him in a well and finally burn him. As all participants witness his end in silence.*

The Bard will then lead a silent procession in honor of the Mighty Dead as participants re-enter our Nemeton followed by the Liturgist and the Southern fire.

(Bard) We now proceed in silence giving honor and remembrance to those of our tribe that await rebirth and renewal.

The two members of the company that stayed behind to light the candles will take up the baskets of eggs.

(Druid 4) Good folk, the light has returned and renewal is upon the land. For the ancients, our Ancestors the egg was the symbol of rebirth.

On the day of Ostara our ancestors placed red eggs upon the graves of those awaiting rebirth. As in the ways of our ancestors, we will now give honor to the beloved dead.

(passing the basket of eggs) Please take the symbol of rebirth and place upon the shrine of the Mighty Dead in honor of your ancestors.

Participants are given an opportunity to place eggs upon the Shrine.

(Druid 4) For the ancients, Ostara was also a time to prepare for the coming season of planting. This eve we too prepare for our season of planting, both spiritually and physically.

(Druid 4) As the ancients blessed their seeds in preparation for the season of planting, so to we bring forth our seeds to receive the blessing of Lady Ostara, the fertility of Bright Freyr and the protection of Mighty Thor.

We invite you now to bring forth not only the seeds that you will plant within the earth but the seeds that you will plant deep within your mind.

As you bring forth the seeds that you will plant within your mind burn them in the fire to spark your mind's creativity so that they may grow, mature and produce a bountiful harvest in your life.

As you bring forth the seeds that you will plant within the earth place them among the hallows so that they may receive the blessings of the Kindred to grow, mature and produce a bountiful harvest.

Once the final participant has brought their seeds to the hallows the Sacrificer will say the following.

(Sacrificer) At this time you may bring forth your offerings of praise to the Kindred.

Praise Offerings

Sacrifice and Omen (Sacrificer)

Through Mighty Heimdall, Great Warder and Guardian of the Ways, we have opened the Gates this night.

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We have honored the mighty Kindred as they walk among us.

Through communication with the Otherworld;

We receive guidance, inspiration and insight;

As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

(Sacrificer) *A final sacrifice of hard alcohol, porridge, bird*

seed, grain, hot crossed buns and chocolate is prepared.

Kindred of land, sea and sky we call to you!

Hear us this night for we are in need of your guidance and wisdom.

Tonight we call out from the crossroads to all who aid us!

We call to those of the Nine Worlds; those Noble Spirits of the lands about us!

You who have offered guidance and friendship.

All spirits of nature that aid us in our journey.

We call to those from the halls above & realms below!

You who have offered wisdom and inspiration.

Mighty Ones, our Ancestors and beloved friends that aid and inspire us.

We call out once more from the crossroads!

Hear us Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds!

Deities known and unknown to us;

Shining Ones, whose might and bounty know no bounds!

(Sacrificer) *The final sacrifice is made.*

Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

All: Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

It is with love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality to the Kindred this night.

We have called through the Gates and deep within the Otherworld our invitation to gather in their honor.

We have sung their praise; made our sacrifice.

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

(Druid 2) Let us now close our eyes and open our hearts and minds to the Kindred. Breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth; **(pause)** in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause)**. With each breath pouring out our love as we prepare to receive the blessings of the Kindred upon us.

Participants meditate on the Kindred, sending their energies through the gates.

(Druid 2) We send our love, honor and respect into the Middle realm to the Noble Spirits, our protectors and guides. It is their secret knowledge and companionship that we strive to share and be one with **(pause for a 4 count)**. May they feel our love; see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel the presence of the Noble Spirits **(pause)**. Hear their whispers as we await their message **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Druid 2) As we have gathered here as one people, joining hearts and minds we see those we have honored this night. We feel their presence and hear their whispers from the Otherworld **(pause for a 4 count)**. We send our love, honor and respect deep into the Sacred Well to the Mighty Dead, our Ancestors of blood and of spirit, it is their timeless wisdom that inspires us to strive always to better ourselves and our world around us. May they feel our love; see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor. **(pause for a 2 count)** Feel the presence of the Mighty Dead. Hear their whispers as we await their message **(pause for a 4 count)**.

(Druid 2) We send our love, honor and respect through the Sacred Fire into the heavens to the Shining Ones, Eldest and Wisest, it is their guidance and blessings we seek **(pause for a 4 count)**. May they feel our love, see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel the presence of

the Shining Ones. Hear their whispers as we await their message **(pause for a 4 count)**.

The Omen is taken. One rune is drawn for each of the three Kindred. The Seer then interprets the omen, leading the company to contemplate the things they would ask of the powers, especially as suggested by the omen.

(Sacrificer)(Druid 4)

From the Noble Spirits.....

From the Mighty Ones.....

From the Shining Ones.....

(Sacrificer) The Kindred have spoken. What use have you in your lives for their knowledge and wisdom.

The Blessing (Druid 1) & (Sacrificer)

Two cups will be filled and placed in the midst of the hallows. The following words will be spoken over the cups.

(Druid 1) As in the ways of old we have given our gifts freely and as in the ways of old a gift is given to us in return.

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

(Druid 1) Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

All: Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

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

(Druid 1) Once again, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

All: Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

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

(Druid 1) One last time, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

All: Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

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

(Sacrificer) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Druid 1) Shining Ones hear and bless us.

(Sacrificer) Mighty Thor hallow these waters of life.

(Sacrificer) Bright Freyr hallow these waters of life.

(Sacrificer) Radiant Ostara hallow these Waters of Life.

The cups are lifted before the participants.

(Druid 1) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

(Sacrificer) As we drink deep of the blessings of the Shining Ones, may we remember those of our tribe that could not be with us this night.

Pouring the first of the blessing cup upon the ground.

(Sacrificer) May the blessings of the Shining Ones be with them. May the waters support them; lending strength and courage in times of need.

(Druid 4) Now Good folk, drink deep the blessings of the Shining Ones.

Blessing cups are passed and all participants share the waters. As the cups are passed the following song is sung by all participants.

(Bard) As we receive the blessings of the Shining Ones let us raise our voices in song.

In song

Pour the waters, raise the cup, drink your share of wisdom deep, strength and love now fill us up as the elder ways we keep.

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Repeat until the cups have been passed to all participants.

Thanksgiving and Closing

(Druid 4) We now prepare to thank the powers that have attended us during this rite. At this time the gates between the worlds remain open and we invite any to give personal offering or sacrifice to the powers.

Participants are given time to make final offerings.

(Druid 1) Lady Ostara, Great Goddess of Spring's renewal. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May all that sleeps be renewed with the returning warmth and light. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Ostara, we thank you!

(Druid 2) Bright Freyr, Lord of the Vanir. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May the new season bloom with your favor. May there be peace between us until we meet once again

by the hearth's fire.

All: Freyr, we thank you!

(Druid 3) Mighty Thor, Thundering God of Spring's Protection. We thank you for your blessings this eve. May your hammer continue to protect all who follow this path. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Thor, we thank you!

(Druid 3) Aesir, Shining Ones, Eldest and Brightest. May you continue to guide and bless us as we walk this path. Shining Ones, known and unknown, we thank you for your blessings and guidance this eve. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Aesir, we thank you!

(Druid 2) Alfar and Disir, Mighty Ones of blood and spirit. Those who inspire and guide us in our lives. Beloved Dead we thank you for the wisdom you have shared with us. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Alfar and Disir, we thank you!

(Druid 1) Landvettir, Noble Spirits of land, sea and sky. Companions who aid and guide us in our journey. Landvettir, we thank you for sharing your knowledge and protection. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Landvettir, we thank you!

(Bard) Odin, Winner, Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry, may you continue to pour down your divine treasure upon us.

Great One-Eyed Wanderer, we 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.

All: Odin, we thank you!

(Druid 2) 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. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Tyr, we thank you!

(Druid 1) Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth, may you continue to grant us peace and plenty. Ancient Mother, we thank you for all life. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Nerthus, we thank you!

(Druid 4) Heimdall, Mighty Watchman of the Gods; we thank you for your protection and guidance this night. We now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between Midgard and Asgard once more. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Heimdall, we thank you!

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, Let the Gates be closed!

All: Let the Gates be closed!

(Sacrificer) 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 will be burnt in the fire or scattered upon the Earth.*

Grove Attunement

(Bard) Good folk, join me as we once again close our eyes; breathing deeply in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 2 count)**.

(Sacrificer) As the mighty ash is part of the forest, we are all part of the great circle of life. Remember the blessings we have received together this night **(pause)**.

(Bard) Feel the oneness and reflect upon the journey we have taken together **(pause)**.

(Sacrificer) Remember the voices of the Noble Spirits and the friendship and knowledge that they have shared with you **(pause)**.

(Bard) Remember the ancient wisdom of the Mighty Dead and the knowledge and life's blood that they have offered **(pause)**.

(Sacrificer) Remember the blessings of the Shining Ones. The guidance and wisdom they have offered to all who have assembled here this night **(pause)**.

(Bard) Once more feel your roots reaching the depths of the Earth and your branches reaching the heavens. Feel the strength and energy of the Earth and Sky flowing throughout your being **(pause)**.

(Sacrificer) Feel this strength and energy as it mingles within you. See this energy as it begins to pool in your heart **(pause)**.

(Bard) Let us join this energy as one and send it forth from our beings into the Great Lake **(pause)**.

(Sacrificer) See this energy heal and protect her as we conclude our worship.

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 arise and overwhelm us.

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

As participants leave the Nemeton the following song will be sung until all participants have exited.

In song

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 Moon Dragon; music by Raven of the Sorrows)

***Following the rite once the Hallows has been returned as it
once was a final offering in thanks is made to the spirits of
the land for its us.***

Special Thanks To:

***All who attended, participated and shared in our Ostara
celebration.***

StoneCreed Grove, ADF for the chants

*Come We Now As a People, The Gatekeeper Chant, The Portal
Song & Pour the Waters*

Paul Maurice, Sean Miller and Gail Williams for the chant

Hail All the Gods

Ceisiwr Serith for the text for recreating the cosmos.

The Unknown Authors of the chants

Deep Peace

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