

Order of Service - Summer Solstice 2005



Welcome to Our Celebration!

Before we begin...

Enjoy the antics of the Fool and other entertainments, greet each other, and check out the Raffle items before the Briefing. Words to the songs we will be singing are on the back of this sheet. Also, you may want to write down things in your life which you would want to grow in the coming season.

Preparing ourselves for our time with the Gods and Spirits

Processional and purification - We Approach the Sacred Grove

Gardic invocation for our eloquence and inspiration

Welcoming the Allies, the spirits of the people and their gods who lived in this land before us

Honoring our mother Ana

Unity chant - We Are One With the Mother

Statement of purpose. We celebrate the apex of the Sun at the Solstice and honor the first father Bel and first mother Danu.

Declaring Center and opening the Portals

Tree, Fire, and Well - Portal Song

Acknowledging the Outsiders - the forces of chaos and change

Invocation of Manannan mac Lir, to guide and protect us in the Otherworld- Mananan

Invocation

Acknowledging and honoring our guests

Ancestors - our beloved dead

Nature Spirits - the spirits of the land and its creatures

Deities: Lugh, Brigid, and Arianne (feel free to offer a silent welcome to your own gods)

Deity of the Occasion: Bel and Danu, primal father and mother

Giving and receiving

Passing the sun wheel. Direct your praise and energy to the wheel to build a group offering. While you hold it, you may give praise or thanks to the gods silently or in the form of a vocal or physical offering. When you finish, pass the wheel to the person next to you.

Group praise: offering corn meal to the fire / Sun Litany
Main Sacrifice: offering the sun wheel (and whiskey!) to the fire
Omen of return runes
Return blessing: the burning of the request sheets; lemonade
Cauldron blessing (newest mother and father this time!)
Welcoming new members, officers, and guild members, and bestowing other honors
Unwinding and closing
Recessional: Walk With Wisdom

And afterwards... Join us for a polluck and socializing, and don't forget to get your Raffle Tickets!

Song Sheet – Summer Solstice 2005

...Together we make our call
...In wisdom and love.

Processional:

We Approach the Sacred Grove

We approach the sacred grove,
With hearts and minds and flesh and bone.
Join us now in ways of old.
We have come home.

Unity:

We Are One With the Mother
(trad. ADF)

We are one with the Mother,
We are one with the earth
We are one with each other
By our lives, by our birth.

Declaring Center and opening the Portals:

The Portal Song

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By Fire and by Water
Between the Earth and Sky
We stand like the Worldtree
Rooted deep, crowned high.

Come we now to the well...
...The eye and the mouth of Earth
...And silver we bring
...The waters of rebirth
...Together we sing:

We will kindle a fire...
...Bless all and with harm to none
...And offerings pour
...A light 'neath the Moon and Sun
...Our spirits will soar.

Gather we at the tree...
...The root and the crown of all
...Below and above,

Invocation of Mannanan:

Manannan Invocation

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We stand at the border and watch the mist close in.
Waves rolling, rolling,
Where shore meets the ocean, where land meets
sea and sky,
We call to you, Manannan,
Manannan, Manannan,
We welcome you as you one day will welcome us.

Recessional:

Walk With Wisdom

(traditional ADF)

Walk with wisdom
From this hallowed place
Walk not in sorrow,
Our roots shall e'er embrace.

May truth be your brother
And honor be your friend
And luck be your lover
Until we meet again.

Note to Parents: Children are welcome to stay and attend the ritual with you, but only if they are supervised.