

To all who have come out:

I want to take this time to thank you. You did not have to come, yet you did. Tonight we will stand as one. Tonight will be my last time to stand as GO and presiding Druid. This is a special night and much is going to happen.

For each here, even if it is in spirit, I ask this of the Kindred for you.

May the Shining Ones be kind to you and bless you with love.

May the Ancestors watch over you and keep away ill will.

And may the Nature Spirits give you prosperity.

I am honored to have been apart of this Protogrove and community. I love many and hope nothing but the best for all who will continue onward. Thank you for a wonderful time spent and memories unlike any other.

**With much love,
Lesley Gary**

Beach Ritual 2008

Ritual for the beach...this ritual is for cleansing, blessings, passing of the grove to others, and healing. There is no title that fits it. There is too much going on in it to say it was for this or that. It is a ritual of many workings.

Items needed for ritual:

Sage, Well, Tree, Fire pit, chalice, silver, whiskey, water, oil, herbs, grain, sword, Sigel, runes, staff, ritual book, table, bowls to hold things, drums, bell, beer, plate of food, incense, paper, pens,

Outline and chants:

1. Ritual set up to be done by **presiding druid and other callers of the ritual.**
2. Pre-ritual where all will be explained. - **Lesley**
3. Two Power Meditation to bring all as one - **Lesley**
5. Procession to ritual space. - **All**

Chant:

*By the Land Beneath Us
By the land beneath us
By the sea surrounding us
By the sky above us
We come unto the gods
Author unknown*

6. Outsiders acknowledged on way – **Andrew** (beer and food given)
7. Purification of participants – **Lesley and Andrew** (sage and water)
8. Bride called for Bardic inspiration – **Lesley** (whiskey to fire)
Power of inspiration, attend to us; Come into our hearts' shrine. Guide our rite in the way of truth. O power of inspiration in this holy place, O power of inspiration at this holy time. Biodh se!
9. Honoring of the Earth Mother - **Lesley** (grain given to earth)

Chant:

*Earth Mother, we sing to your body,
Earth Mother, we sing to your bones,
Earth Mother, we honor your spirit,
Earth Mother, we honor your stones.
Author Unknown*

10. Honoring of the Sky Father – Andrew (incense given to the fire)

Chant:

Sky Father, we sing to your heavens,
Sky Father, we sing to your dome,
Sky Father, we honor your spirit,
Sky Father, we honor your realm.
Lesley Gary's version

11. Statement of Purpose – Lesley

Cleansing
Healing
Cutting of binds
Passing of grove
Blessings

12. Creating the Cosmos – Lesley (Oil to fire, smoke to tree, and silver to well)

Chant:

Fire, bright fire
Gate to the Shining Ones
Fire, bright Fire
Our passage to the Sky
Fire, bright Fire
Warmth of our Community
Spark of Life
We honor you now

Well, deep Well
Gate to the Underworld
Well, deep Well
Our passage to the Sea
Well, deep Well
Wisdom of the Ancestors
Waters of Life
We honor you now

Tree, great Tree
Gate that reaches everywhere
Tree, great Tree
With you we share the Land
Tree, great Tree
Our passage to the Otherworld
Source of Life
We honor you now

By Pandora

13. Calling to the gate keeper and Opening the gates – Lesley (Kirk Style with staff)

Druid 1 says:

Sacred is this land to us; sacred is all land to us, for it is the world in which we walk.

Waves of the sea, you are touches of the Otherworld dancing endlessly to rise and recede at our shores.

Skies above, you are the very world of the Gods of our people, with shining eye, sweeping winds, and blessings raining down.

We are here in the Sacred Center of the worlds of land, sea and sky. Here the Gates Between The Worlds may be opened.

A drum beat begins and rattles are used to fill the sound. The People begin to chant, over and over: Open the Gates. Open the Gates. Open the Gates.....

When the chants, drums and rattles are well established, Druid 1 says (over the chants):

Gatekeeper! Open the ways for us. We walk in your holy ways; we walk the Sacred Road. Share your power with us; ward us as we walk in safety. Gatekeeper, accept our sacrifice!

The chanting, drums and rattles continue. They increase in speed and volume.

Druid 1 holds the bottom of his staff, pointing the top of it at the top of the World Tree. He begins to spin widdershins, faster and faster. When his staff first passes the Fire, Druid 1 says:

Let the Fire open as a Gate!

He continues spinning at least one full revolution.

As his staff passes over the Well, Druid 1 says:

Let the Well open as a Gate!

He continues spinning at least one full revolution.

As his staff passes by the Tree, Druid 1 says:

Let the Tree connect the Worlds!

There is a loud drum roll ending in a strong stroke. The chant, drumming and rattles stop. Druid 1 stops spinning, holds both hands (and staff) in the air and shouts:

Let the Gates be open!

14. Calling the Three Kindred – Diana (oil for ancestors, grain for nature spirits, and incense to Shining ones)

Inviting the Kindreds: Chthonics/Mids/Uppers (Samhain 2007)
By Michael J Dangler

Calling to the Upper Kindreds
High in the Heavens, Heroes and Holy
Beyond the visible reaches of the Sky
Beyond the Veil of the Stars and Sun
Those Kindred that shine with light from Above
Shining Ones, Ancestors, Nature Spirits
Far-Seeing and Brightly clothes in gold light
Come to my Fire, offerings for Thee
A welcome to the Powers of Heaven
Be comfortable in m y abode tonight.

Calling to the Middle Kindreds
Here among us are Gods and Dead and Sidhe
Standing within mists, coming to meet us
Coming nearer as we give offering
Standing next to us in our times of need.
In trees and streams, under foot, in the air
The Spirits of Place surround us always
Their songs reach our ears, their beauty our eyes
I call welcome to Spirits of this Realm
Be comfortable in m y abode tonight.

Calling to the Chthonic Kindreds
Down below our feet, deep within the ground
In the fertile womb of the Earth Mother
Are denizens of Dark, unknown to us:
Gods of the Earth, Ancestors, and Earth-Kin.
Our bones will rest here though our soul will rise
Now we pour libation to these Kindred
Knowing their place in life and the Cosmos
I welcome the spirits of Dark Earth.
Be comfortable in m y abode tonight.

15. Deities of the Occasion – Lesley
Domnu (Silver to ocean)
Dagda (Oil to fire)

16. Allow other to cast up how they feel fit
(These were chosen before hand and asked.)

17.

18. Paper passed out for the letters of concern for those we follow to handle to be given to the
fire - Lesley

19. Letters written - All

20. Offered in silence to the fire, with maybe on drummer - All

21. Water cleansing in ocean - All
(once for body, once for mind, once for spirit)

22. Cutting of negative ties, bindings, or things that are causing harm for those that wish to have a ceremonial cutting. – Lesley for those that wish (Sword)

23. Passing over leadership of grove – Lesley and Andrew (Sigel)

24. Other business if any is needed

25. Prayer of Sacrifice – Lesley (oil to fire)

26. Omen - Andrew

27. Return blessings asked for – Lesley (Chalice and water)

28. Acknowledge - All

29. Waters of Life passed around - All

Chant:

Pour the waters, raise the cup.
Drink your share of wisdom deep.
Strength and joy now fill us up.
As the elder ways we keep.

(optional extra verses)

When in ancient pagan days,
Fire was lit in sacred groves,
Powers of the gods did flow,
Bringing healing, wit, and love.

We in our time likewise go,
To the grove our trove to give,
To the gods, the dead, the sidhe,
And their blessings to receive.

So pour the waters, raise the cup.
Drink your share of wisdom deep.
Strength and joy now fill us up.
As the elder ways we keep.

By Ian Corrigan

30.Thanking those called – those that called up

31.Close Gates - Lesley

32.Thank the Earth Mother – Lesley

33.Thank the Sky Father - Andrew

34.Closing of ritual - Lesley