

Discussion and Meditation: The grove will discuss the meaning of the particular High Day and the significance it holds in Our Druidry. The deities of occasion will be discussed and the reason for the decision to honor those particular deities. There will then be a brief meditation to bring the grove into harmony and establish a group-mind.

Procession and Purification: The grove will walk into the ritual area, while singing the Processional Song:

**Come we now as a people,
To gather at the Sacred Well,
Come we now as a people,
Together in the warmth and the light of the Flame.**

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One person will be positioned just outside the designated ritual area with either a bowl of water or a sage stick to ritually purify everyone who enters the area. After the Senior Druid (leading the procession) is purified, he/she will take the instrument and do a purification on the person performing the office. The people will circle the ritual area one time, after which the celebrants will take their places and the folk will assemble as they deem comfortable.

Consecration of Place and Time

James

Opening Prayer

Shoshana

Offering to the Outsiders:

**You who stand outside our rites,
Who are not part of what we do,
Your ways are mighty,
But your ways are not ours.
We offer you this gift,
And ask you to go upon your way.
Outdwellers, turn from our grove!**

All: Outdwellers, turn from our grove!

James

Statement of Welcome

Allen

Offering to the Earth Mother:

**Lady Sustainer of life upon
Her surface firm and seas true deep,
Mother of all, life from you comes
Upon death, all to you returns.
We are of your body,
And you of ours.
We, the people of the Red Earth,
Call out to you.
We give of our bounty, Fair Mother,
As you give of yours,
And ask you to gaze upon us,
And join us in our worship.
Beloved Earth Mother, be in our grove!**

All: **Beloved Earth Mother, be in our grove!**

James

Offering to Poetic Inspiration:

**Sacred spirit of words most pure,
Who guides mortal man in speech and deed.
We, the people of the Red Earth,
Call out to you and offer you this gift.
Guide our words and actions.
Aid us to say what should be said.
To do what should be done.
To act in rightness,
And to please the powers beyond.
Spirit of Inspiration, be in our grove!**

All: **Spirit of Inspiration, be in our grove!**

Recreating the Cosmos and Establishing the Sacred Center

Shoshana

Hallowing of the Well:

**Spirit of the Well, formless base of the world,
The people of the Red Earth call upon you,
Flow beneath & about our grove and nourish our path.
Deep sign of birth and passage after life,
We give you this gift, this offering,
And invite you to be with us.
Spirit of the Well, be in our Grove!**

All: **Spirit of the Well, be in our Grove!**

Allen

Hallowing of the Tree:

**Spirit of the Tree, living axis of the world,
The people of the Red Earth call upon you,
To stand in our midst, and reach skyward with us.
Towering sign of life and this world,
We give you this gift, this offering,
And invite you to be with us.
Spirit of the Tree, be in our Grove!**

All: **Spirit of the Tree, be in our Grove!**

James

Hallowing of the Fire:

**Spirit of Fire, divine light of the heavens,
The people of the Red Earth call upon you,
To shine upon us and light our paths.
Bright sign of the gods and heavenly realms
We give you this gift, this offering,
And invite you to be with us.
Spirit of Fire, be in our Grove!**

All: **Spirit of Fire, be in our Grove!**

James

Invocation of Raven:

**Raven, winged messenger, flyer 'tween worlds
Dark feathered wanderer twixt this world and yon.
Accept this offering and
Come hold open the Gate,
Shadowed messenger divine,
To carry our praises,
Our offerings
And gifts,
From this mortal realm
To the Kindreds beloved
In the worlds beyond.
Honored Raven, come to our Grove!**

All: **Honored Raven, come to our Grove!**

Shoshana

Opening of the Gate:

**Let the Well reach into the depths of the Sea
And be no more a well,
But all wells, all water,
Let this be the foundation of the world,
And the anchor of the Gate**

Allen

**Let the Tree span the breadth of the Land
And be no more a tree
But all trees, all life,
Let this be the axis of the world,
And the anchor of the Gate.**

James

**Let the Fire alight the span of the Sky
And be no more a flame
But all light, all power**

**Let this be the crown of the world
And the anchor of the Gate.
By the Power of the Hallows,
Let the Gate be open!**

All: Let the Gate be open!

James

**By the sacred power of Raven,
Let the Gate be open!**

All: Let the Gate be open!

James

**By the will of these people,
Let the Gate be open!**

All: Let the Gate be open!

James

The Gate is open.

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, together we sing:**

**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.**

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 & Sun,
We will kindle a fire, our spirits will soar.**

**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.**

**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 & love.**

**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.**

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Kindred Invocations

Shoshana

Offering to the Ancestors:

**Honored dead of our own kin
Who came before that we might be .
Forefathers, foremothers, of flesh and blood
Forerunners of spirit, united in cause.
We, the people of the Red Earth,
Wish to do you honor .
We seek to honor the dead
And all who have passed beyond this world.
Beloved spirits of the dead
Attend our rite, accept this gift**

And join us in our worship.

Beloved Ancestors, accept our offering!

All: Beloved Ancestors, accept our offering!

Allen

Offering to the Nature Spirits:

**Noble spirits of nature pure,
Souls of beast and bird and stream,
Souls of stone, herb, and wind,
Of flame and tree and blooming flower
Hear now our words, we pray.
We, the people of the Red Earth,
Wish to do you honor.
We seek to honor the land
And all that dwells upon it,
Within it,
And above it.
Noble spirits of nature,
Attend our rite, accept this gift
And join us in our worship.
Spirits of Nature, accept our offering!**

All: Spirits of Nature, accept our offering!

James

Offering to the Gods:

**Shining gods of immortal realms,
You who live above us, Who dwell beneath us,
Who walk among us,
Honored by ancient peoples wise
Hear now our words, we pray.
We, the people of the Red Earth,
Wish to do you honor.
We seek to honor the gods**

**All who stand as the forces of the world,
Part of creation and lords thereof,
Bright gods of our people,
Attend our rite, accept this gift
And join us in our worship.
Mighty gods, accept our offering!**

All: Mighty gods, accept our offering!

Song: Gods & Dead & Mighty Sidhe, Powers of earth & sky & sea.

By fire & well, by sacred tree, Offering we make to ye.

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Main Rite

Shoshana

Offering and Prayer of Invocation to Shining Ones:

Shining Ones;

Gods who protect our homes,

Gods who light our hearths

Gods who show us the ways

Gods who point us to our own work

Gods who inspire our arts and our words

Gods of the Elder Paths

Gods we have sworn to

Gods we have allied with

Gods we seek

Gods we have yet to know

By your grace, we walk in love and wholeness

In your honor, we turn our hands to our work

In your light, we seek truth

In your shadow, we seek comfort

Accept our offering this day,

Fill our hearts,

Enlighten our minds

**Give meaning to the works of our hands
And walk with us**

Main offering to the Shining Ones: (Milk and honey, in honor of holiday.. and Special Whiskey)

Individual Praise Offerings.

James

Prayer of Sacrifice.

Scott

Taking of the Omen

Shoshana

Cup Litany:

**If you have heard our voices, you ancestors who watch over us,
If you have been drawn close to our fire by our praise,
by our blessings, by the gifts we bring,
then you'll do what is right, Mighty Ones.
You will remember us kindly
You will bless us
You will be close kin to our folk.**

All: THE GIFTS OF THE GODS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE GODS!

Allen

**If you have heard our voices, you spirits of the living land,
If you have been drawn close to our fire by our praise,
by our blessings, by the gifts we bring,
then you'll do what is right, Noble Ones.
You will remember us kindly
You will bless us
You will be good neighbors to our folk**

All: THE GIFTS OF THE GODS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE GODS!

James

**If you have heard our voices, you keepers of every Art and Mystery,
If you have been drawn close to our fire by our praise,**

by our blessings, by the gifts we bring,
then you'll do what is right, Shining Ones.
You will remember us kindly
You will bless us
You will be dear friends to our folk.

All: **THE GIFTS OF THE GODS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE GODS!**

Shoshana

In the name of Memory, the preserving shrine,

Allen

In the name of Earth, our common mother,

James

In the name of Truth, which has no beginning and no end, Let no one who comes to the Great Feast go away unsatisfied. Let the Blessing Cup never run dry.

Circulation of the Cup throughout the grove. Can use rest of offering whiskey (Shoshana and Winston will provide)

Work:

Gift of handmade candles from James, dedication of all candles in the name of the Shining Ones for spiritual work during the rest of the year.

Shoshana:

We dedicate these candles to the work of our Ways. Let the light they shed when they are kindled reflect the glory of the Shining Ones; Let the darkness when they are extinguished be the life-giving darkness of the cauldron of inspiration. May we be balanced and strengthened by both the light and the dark. May these candles shine brightly in the light of all the virtues, as our Gods shine in our hearts. May they be extinguished in faith, and hope of new growth.

End of the Rite

Shoshana

Return the Waters to the Earth:

Of the blessings we have received,
We now gladly share.
That the power of the Kindreds be given
Unto this place where we stand.

**That the land may be bettered
For our having been here.:**

James

Thank the Gods:

**We give you thanks, O gods,
For having blessed us with Your presence.
Accept our well-wishes and honor,
And take with You gratitude.**

Allen

Thank the Nature Spirits:

**Noble spirits of all the world,
Natural souls of the land and sky,
We give you our thanks and honor,
And honor you with our love.**

Shoshana

Thank the Ancestors:

**Beloved Ancestors, we thank you
For turning your attention upon us.
To your eternal realms, departed ones,
We send you our honor and thanks.**

James

Thank the spirit of Poetic Inspiration:

**Spirit of Poetry, of words and deeds,
We thank you for touching our hearts,
Our minds, and our speech.
Thank you for your presence,
Remember us, and heed our next call.**

Allen

Thank the Earth Mother:

Earth Mother, you who never leaves us,

**And whom we never leave.
We thank you for your attentions.
Accept our honor, we pray.**

James

Close the Gate and thank Raven:

**Let the Gate now be closed.
Let the Fire be no more the crown of the world,
But only a flame.**

Allen

**Let the Tree be no more the axis of the world,
But only a tree.**

Shoshana

**Let the Well be no more the foundation of the world,
But only a well**

James

**Raven, we give you honor and thanks,
For holding this Gate for us.
Now we ask you to fly upon your way,
And to heed us and answer when next we call.
By the power of Raven departed,
By the Hallows retreated,
By the will of the people,
Let the Gate be closed,
Let the Gate be closed,
Let the Gate be closed.
The Gate is closed.**

James

Declaration of Success and a Blessing upon our Departure