

Call to ritual:

Procession and Purification: The grove will walk into the ritual area, while Shoshana, sings 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.**

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.

Meditation: A meditation will be conducted, leading the grove into forming a group-mind. The meditation should focus on the purpose of the High Day and the ritual honoring CERNUNNOS Lord of the Underworld and the Spirits of our Ancestors.

### *Cernunos Chant*

*Cern-nu-noh-oh-oh-oh-os*  
*Stag Horned Hunter, Hunted One*  
*Join Us Now*  
*Cern-nu-noh-oh-oh-oh-os*  
*Greenwood Lord of Life and Death*  
*Join Us Now*  
*Cern-nu-noh-oh-oh-oh-os*  
*Herne and Pan and Every Man*  
*Join Us Now (6)*

Consecration of Place and Time

James  
Opening Prayer

Allen:  
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 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!**

Winston:  
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!**

Recreating the Cosmos and Establishing the Sacred Center

Winston:  
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 this worlds beyond.  
Honored Raven, come to our Grove!  
All: Honored Raven, come to our Grove!**

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Opening of the Gate:

Winston:

**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.**

Allen:  
**By the Power of the Hallows,  
Let the Gate be open!**

All: **Let the Gate be open!**

Winston:  
**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

Winston:

Offering to the Ancestors:

**Honored dead of our own kin  
Be They of Blood, or by Choice.  
They who came before that we might be  
Forefathers, foremothers, of flesh and blood  
Forerunners of spirit, united in cause  
Hear now our words, we pray.  
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!**

Main Rite:

If you have a Mask please put it on, to hide from CERNUNNOS

Invocation of CERNUNNOS and the Ancestors

CERNUNNOS

During the ritual fire of Samhain we will invite to our grove the god Cernunnos, the Horned One, the Stag Lord, Lord of the Animals, shape-shifting Lord of the Hunt and Lord of the Forest. Cernunnos, the powerful spirit of the Sacred Grove, connector of the visible and invisible, guardian of the gateway between the worlds of the living and the Kindred. He reveals himself at this time of the year, when the veil between worlds is lifted and the Kindred once again walk with us.

Allen:  
**Prayer to Cernnunos**  
**Cernunnos Lord of the underworld.**  
**We do make offering to you.**  
**Look at us and know, we are the living.**  
**We are not from your realm.**  
**We bid you stay and join in our Feast and allow those**  
**from your Domain, our Kindred, thus remain and share also**  
**We promise not to encourage. them to linger past the end of our day.**

### **Prayer to the Kindred**

**Kindred mine, or Kindred yours.**  
**You are Kindred to us all.**  
**Be thee of Blood or be thee of**  
**choice. Thru friendship, or common**  
**belief. Be it of tongue, or interest.**  
**Kindred you are.**  
**We Honor you and make thee welcome.**  
**We set a place of honor, so you do Feast**  
**with us. We bid you join us, but**  
**linger not at the end of our day.**  
**As we must, you must return to**  
**our rightful Domains.**

A Plate is set at a Table filled with Food for the Kindred.

Remove Masks.

Individual Praise Offerings

The main offering follows:

( Remembering Family and Friends who have crossed the Bridge to the Underworld)

James  
Prayer of Sacrifice

Taking of the Omen

Cup Litany:



Winston:

**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!**

Winston:

**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.

End of the Rite

Return the Waters to the Earth:

Winston:

**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.**

Allen:

thank the deities of Occasion and the Kindred

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 our 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.**

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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 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.**

Allen:  
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.**

Close the Gate and thank Raven:

James  
**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.**

Winston:  
**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.**

James:  
**By the power of Raven departed,**

Alan:  
**By the Hallows retreated,**

James  
**By the will of the people,**

James, Winston, Alan:  
**Let the Gate be closed,  
Let the Gate be closed,**

**Let the Gate be closed.**

James

**The Gate is closed.**

James

Declaration of Success and a Blessing upon our Departure