

Solitary Proto-Indo-European Spring Equinox Rite

Using English Deity Titles -- by Jamie Goodwin

Initiating the Rite

Centering Breath

Ring Chime Three Times

Opening Prayer:

I am here to honor the Gods and Goddesses.
I seek a connection to the Earth and the Universe
I wish to know myself more deeply
Bless me, O Shining Ones, in my working.

Outdwellers Appeasement

All you of the outer dark,
Any who abide beyond the light of this work's fire

Be you older Gods and Goddesses
You had your time and your place
I ask you now to step aside and leave my rite in peace

Be you spirits of this world
Twisted, frightened, or harmed by man
I ask you to go your way and leave my rite in peace

Be you the doubts or fears of my own soul
The intruding mind or cowardly heart
I place you aside for this time that I may work the rite in peace

Accept this offering – Be at peace

Champion Offering

Mighty Striker
Defender of Truth
Protector against evil
Take up your mighty weapon
Ward and defend this space
Accept from me this offering
And stand, proud, in the sacred center
And by your might
Turn away all
That seek to cause harm in this space

Honoring the Earth Mother

Earth Mother, I am your child
Mother of all, I call to you
I need your guidance
I need your love
As I walk upon your body
May our souls be one
Accept this offering of my love,
Be present and bless my rite

Honoring the Shining Sky Father/Calling for Inspiration

God of the bright sky
You who sees all
God of priests
Enforcer of the law
Great, Shining Sky Father
Accept from me this offering
Be present and bless my rite
Shine down upon me
Inspire my words and guide my heart
That I may work the rites in beauty and power

Statement of Purpose

I have come to do as the wise ancients did.
To make offering to the powers
To remember the ancestors
In love and honor
To share my life with the spirits of the world
In awe and blessing
To call out to the Shining Ones
And offer them sacrifice and praise

I have come in celebration
As the wheel turns
And day and night seeks balance once again
May I find the balance in my own heart and mind
And find solace and beauty in the growing light
So be it!

Grounding and Centering

Two Power, etc.

Recreating the Cosmos/Purification

Well:

Place silver into the well

In the deeps flow the waters of wisdom.
Sacred well, flow within me.

Sprinkle tree, altar, self

By the cleansing of water let the primal sea be the boundary of the grove.
Let the sea not rise, and all ill turn away.

Fire:

Light incense in from the fire

I kindle the sacred fire in wisdom, love and power
Sacred fire, burn within me

Cense tree, altar, self

By the light of the fire let the shining sky be the roof of the grove.
Let the sky not fall and all ill turn away.

Tree:

Indicate tree with hand

From the deeps to the heights spans the world-tree.
Sacred tree, grow within me.

Spread arms to indicate altar and the land

By the might of the sacred tree may the land be the home of the grove.
Let the land hold firm and all ill turn away.

Chant while visualizing land, sea, sky and sacred center:

The fire, the well, the sacred tree,
Flow and flame and grow in me!

After an amount of time, when the three worlds and realms are steady in the inner eye:
Thus is the sacred grove claimed and hallowed.
So be it!

Opening the Gates

Mighty, Nourisher

God of herds and roads
You who stands in the in-between
Guardian of travelers and merchants
Come to me now
Accept from me this offering
And join your magic with mine
That we may open the ways
To the Underworld and Heavens

Let the fire open as a gate
Let the well open as a gate
Let the tree carry the spirits of my sacrifice.

Great, Nourisher
Gatekeeper and guardian
Hold open this sacred way
And let it be known to all
The gates are open!

Inviting the Three Kindreds

To be done extemporaneously

Key Offerings

Divine Twins
Dancing and Youthful Gods
Sons of the Shining Sky Father
Rescuers from danger

Horse Lord
Battle ready
Patron God of warriors, soldiers, and sailors
Defender, champion, and scout

Cattle Lord
Steady Worker
Patron God of farmers, traders, and crafts-people
Prosperous, tireless, and true

Great, Divine Twins
Help me find those places within myself
That I may live in courage, integrity, and vision
That I may uphold wisdom and perseverance
That my life may be fertile, that I leave behind more than I take

Great and Mighty Gods
Accept my offering of love and honor

Divine Twins, accept my sacrifice!

Prayer of Sacrifice

Re-center, enter deep trance state, offer prayer extemporaneously

Omen

Take and interpret omen

Calling for the Blessings

Keeper of the Waters
Guardian of the well
I have come through offering and worship
Purified and defended by the mighty Kindreds
As I have given, now I ask in return
Release to me your gift
That I may drink of the powers of wisdom, inspiration, and beauty.
Surrounded by this host, which I have called, I proclaim my right
Give me the waters of life!

Hallowing the Blessing

Mighty Kindreds, called and offered to in this holy rite
Make these the waters of life!

All beings gathered near, known or unknown
Make these the waters of life!

Powerful patrons of this rite, Great and mighty Divine Twins
Make these the waters of life!

Affirmation of the Blessing

Behold the waters of life!

Thanking the Kindreds and Key Offerings

Done extemporaneously, reverse order

Divine Twins

Shining Ones

Spirits of Nature

Ancestors

Closing the Gates and Thanking the Gatekeepr

Great and mighty, Nourisher
For holding open the gates
I offer you my thanks
And now let us close the ways
As we end this holy rite

Let the tree be but wood
Let the well be but water
Let the fire be but flame

Let it be known to all
The Gates are closed

Thanking the Earth Mother, Sky Father, and Champion

*Done extemporaneously, Earth Mother last
Shining Sky Father
The Striker
Earth Mother*

Closing the Rite

The rite is ended!
May the peace and blessing remain
This day and forever more
So Be It