

Wild Onion Grove, ADF Ritual for Summer Solstice, 2011

Pre-Ritual Activities

- (A) Pre-Ritual Briefing
Chris

1st Phase: Starting the Rite and Establishing the Group mind

Clear-cut Beginning: Consecration of Time

- (1) Musical Signal _____
(2) Opening Prayer
Chris

Consecration of Space & of Participants

- (3) The Processional/Sigil Marking
Congregation

We Call the Tribe -

We call the Tribe, come Tribe gather!

- (6) Honoring the Earth-Mother
Mother - Chris

O Earth

Centering, Grounding & Merging

- (7) Grove Meditation
Jack
(8) Unity Chant/Song
Congregation

Mothers and Fathers of Old -

**From far beyond this mortal plain, Mothers and Fathers of old.
We pray that you return again, Mothers and Fathers of old.
To share with us the mysteries, and secrets long untold.
And the ancient ways we seek to reclaim, Mothers and Fathers of old.**

- (9) Specification of Ritual Purpose & Historical Precedent
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2nd Phase: Recreating the Cosmos & Preliminaries

Creating the Vertical Axis

- (11) Planting the Cosmic Tree "By Fire and by Water" – Caroline

**By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky,
We stand like the World Tree, rooted deep, crowned high.**

- (12) Evoking the GateKeeper "Siúil Linn A Mhannannan" - Caroline

Shu-lin o wananan, Walk with us Mannannan.

Gaining Assistance & Preventing Interference

- (14) Invoking the Bardic Deity(ies)
Caroline
- (15) Acknowledgment of the Outsiders
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Beings of the Worlds Beyond,

You Who move in ways and paths beyond our ken,
Denizens and Dwellers of the Outer Darkness.
We acknowledge You, here in our Rite of Midsummer
As we mark the outlines of our Universe.

Filling Out the Cosmic Picture by Invoking...

- (16a) Nature Spirits, Ancestors, Deities
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Spirits of Nature, Kin and Might,

You Who move in worlds both here and elsewhere,
Denizens and Dwellers of Heath, Heart and Heavens.
We welcome You to our Rite of Midsummer,
And ask Your Blessings.

- (16b) Helpful Beings by Province/Function
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Keepers of Lore, Guardians of the Tribe and Providers of Sustenance,
You Who move in realms of the physical and cerebral,
Denizens and Dwellers in Head, Hand and Home.
We welcome You to our Rite of Midsummer
And ask Your Guidance.

(16c) Helpful Beings of the Three Worlds

Spirits and Creatures of the Land, Sea & Sky,
You who move in currents both seen and unseen,
Denizens and Dwellers Below, Beside and Beyond.
We welcome you to our Rite of Midsummer
And bid You Peace.

(17) Settling and Focusing
Chris

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3rd Phase: Major Sending to Deity of the Occasion

- (18) Descriptive Invocation of Belenos
Chris

Primary Power Raising

- (19) Praise Offerings, Dance, Libations, etc.
Congregation
(20) The Sacrifice Chris
(21) Seeking the Omen of Return
Caroline

4th Phase: Receiving and Using the Returned Blessings

Preparation for the Return

- (24) Consecration Agreement
Chris

Reception of Power from the Deity of the Occasion

- (25) Consecration and Sharing
Chris
(26) Acceptance of Individual Blessings
Congregation

5th Phase: Unwinding and Ending the Ceremony

- (28) Magickal Work
Congregation
(29) Thanking of Entities Invited, in Reverse Order
Deity: Chris

Three Worlds: _____
Provinces: _____
Helpful Beings: _____
Outsiders: _____

Bardic: Caroline

- (30) Thanking the GateKeeper & Closing the Gates

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- Caroline
(31) Affirmation of Past/Future Continuity and Success
Chris
(32) Unmerging, Regrouping & Recentering - Meditation
Jack

Clear-cut Ending: Deconsecration of Time & Space

- (34) Final Benediction
Chris
(37) Musical Signal
Congregation

Walk With Wisdom -

**Walk with Wisdom, from this hallowed place.
Walk not with Sorrow, our roots shall 'ere embrace.
May Strength be your brother, and Honor be your friend,
And Luck be your lover, until we meet again.**

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