

SONORAN SUNRISE GROVE, ADF
FULL MOON RITE
Glory To Arianhrod

A WELSH RITE FOR FOUR OR MORE PEOPLE

By Kirk S. Thomas (except where noted below)

The Celebrants are Druid 1, Druid 2, Seer and Bard. If necessary, the parts of Druid 1 and Druid 2 can be combined.

At the ritual gathering place, a portable censer with two charcoals is prepared. The charcoals are lit in time to be hot for the beginning of the procession.

At the Outdwellers' Altar, there should be incense or sage; holy water; and beer in a small bowl.

The Circle is prepared with a Well, Bile and Fire. There is a bell on the altar. There are offerings on the altar: oatmeal and corn meal in a small bowl for the Earth Mother; whiskey in three small bowls for Brigantia, Manawydan and Arianhrod; silver for the Well, oil in a bowl with ladle for the Fire and the Gods; sage and holy water for the Bile; beer in a small bowl for the Ancestors; herbs in a small bowl for the Nature Spirits; incense for Arianhrod; two containers of white wine or mead and water for the Waters Of Life; bread, if desired.

NOTE: The Celebrants may replace all invocations below with their own inspired words.

PROCESSION AND PURIFICATION

The Bard leads the company to the Outdweller's Altar, with all singing:

We Approach The Sacred Grove

Words and music by Sean Miller

We approach the Sacred Grove
With hearts and minds and flesh and bone.
Join us now in ways of old,
We have come home!
(repeat as necessary)

The Seer pours the beer on the altar or the ground after saying:

Mighty spirits, dark or light,
You who care not for our way,
Outdwellers! We know your might,
Your forbearance we'll repay!

Holy ground where you can play,
We do now establish here.
Have some fun and don't dismay,
Stick around and have a beer!

The Druids lead the group to the Circle while the Bard leads all in singing. The Druids cense and asperse the People as they enter the Circle, with all singing:

Unity In The Three Realms
Words and Music by Marae Price

Beside you I stand, hand in hand,
On this Sacred Land.
With one breath we cry, you and I,
To the Sacred Sky.
And together we one day will be
Beyond the endless Sea.

THE MUSICAL OPENING

Druid 1 rings the bell, three times three.

HONORING THE EARTH

Druid 1 says:

As our Ancestors did, so do we now¹. We are here to honor the kindreds and the Lady of the Silver Wheel, the Goddess of the Moon.

Druid 2 says:

But first, let us give thanks to the Earth, who is our mother.

¹ Standard ADF phrase

All kneel and kiss the Earth.

The Druids take the censer and the bowl of oatmeal/cornmeal to the Firepit.

Druid 2 says:

Earth Mother! We build our fire upon your bosom, making this place our own.

Druid 2 places a hot coal on the prepared fire, lighting it, while the Bard leads the People in singing:

Earth Mother

Author unknown

Earth Mother, we honor your body
Earth Mother, we honor your bones.
Earth Mother, we sing to your spirit
Earth Mother, we sing to your stones.
(repeat as often as necessary)

When the fire is established,

Druid 1 pours the oatmeal/cornmeal on the fire, saying:

We make this offering to you, O Mother of all. Bless us and all creatures that depend upon you.

Bydded felly!

The People say:

Bydded felly!

THE AWEN

The Bard invokes the Awen, invoking the Goddess Brigantia, singing:

Brigantia Of The Bards

Words by Peggy Kaan, adapted by Kirk Thomas

Brigantia of the Bards,

Blessed Fire of Inspiration
Spark the flames within our hearts
Lead our creative exploration
Brigantia, hear our song
As we bring offerings of praise
Let Your blessings make us strong
That we may love You all our days!

Druid 1 offers whiskey to the fire.

GROVE ATTUNEMENT

The Seer leads the Two Currents meditation.

OPENING THE SACRED CENTER

Druid 2 (and other non-celebrants present) chants the following phrase through the Well, Fire and Tree segments:

Well and Fire and Sacred Tree, flow and flame and grow in me...²

The Seer offers silver to the Well, saying:

Sacred waters `neath our feet,
Unformed powers of the deep,
Fountain upwards now to fill us,
Sacred Well, flow within us!

The People all say:

Sacred Well, flow within us!³

Druid 1 offers oil to the Fire, saying:

Sacred Fire, light of Heaven
Power of our transformation!
Create order out of chaos.
Sacred Fire, burn within us!

² By Ian Corrigan

³ Ibid

The People all say:

Sacred Fire, burn within us!⁴

The Bard censes the Bile, saying:

Sacred Tree that joins together
Might of chaos and of order,
Timeless magic, help us focus.
Sacred Tree, grow within us!

The People all say:

Sacred Tree, grow within us!⁵

Druid 2 (and other non-celebrants) chant:

Manawydan, Manawydan, Manawydan....

Druid 1 offers whiskey to the fire, saying:

Gatekeeper, we ask in reverence,
Open now the Sacred Boundary.
Manawydan, Lord, come to us;
Ward us as we walk in safety!

The People say:

Ward us as we walk in safety!⁶

Druid 1 (and the other non-celebrants) chant:

Open the Gates, Open the Gates, Open the Gates.....

Druid 2 opens the gates, spinning widdershins, pointing a staff into the air, saying:

Let the Well open as a gate! Let the Fire open as a gate! Let the Tree connect the Worlds!⁷

Agorer y pyrth! Let the Gates be open!

⁴ By Ian Corrigan

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Author unknown

⁷ By Ian Corrigan

The People say:

Let the Gates be open!

KINDRED OFFERINGS

The Bard scatters herbs upon the ground in the Circle, saying:

All you Spirits of the Land
Come and hear from us firsthand.
Fin and feather, fur and skin,
Come and hear our might din!
Leaf and stone and Fairies, too,
Let our Sacred Pact renew!⁸

Land Spirits, accept our offering!

The People say:

Land Spirits, accept our offering!

The Seer pours beer into the Well, saying:

Ancestors, you Mighty Ones,
Witness now our humble actions.
Kin of heart and Kin of blood,
Ancient Ones, we call you Sacred!
Come unto us now, we pray,
Join us at the Well this day!⁹

Ancestors, accept our offering!

The People say:

Ancestors, accept our offering!

Druid 1 pours oil on the Fire, saying:

Shining Ones, O Great and Boundless;

⁸ By Kirk Thomas and Arlene Davis

⁹ Ibid

Gods and Goddesses, come to us!
You are welcome by our fire,
Let us know what You desire.
Known and unknown Deities
Meet us at the Boundaries!¹⁰

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

The People say:

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

The Bard leads the People in singing:

Hail All The Gods¹¹

Hail all the Gods, Hail all the Goddess,
Hail all the Holy Ones we've brought together!
Powers of the Sky, Powers of the Sacred Earth,
Powers of the Underworld we've brought together.
Hail all the Gods! Hail all the Goddesses!
Hail all the Gods and Goddesses!

INVOCATION OF ARIANRHOD
Drawing Down The Moon

Druid 1 offers whiskey to the fire and says:

Lady of the Silver Wheel
Which strides majestically on high,
And sails the starry firmament
That fills the arching, night-time sky,

Arianrhod, we call Your name
That You may hear us in the dark,
And fill our souls with beauty bright
So we may bear your timeless mark.

¹⁰ By Kirk Thomas and Arlene Davis

¹¹ Word: First verse, Paul Maurice; Second verse, Richard Mac Kelley; Bridge section, Gwynne Green. Music: Paul Maurice, Sean Miller, and Gail Williams

Caer Siddi is Your magic Realm
That You traverse each starry night.
Star Weaver is the name You own
And glory is Your orb so bright!

We call to You, O mighty One
That You may join us here below;
High Fruitful Mother, come to us,
That we may feel Your silver glow!

Bydded felly!

PRAISE OFFERINGS

The People may make any Praise Offerings at this time. The person making an offering may hold a small wreath.

At the end of the Offerings, the wreath may be burned in the Fire.

THE OMEN

The Seer takes the Omen, determining if the Rite and Offerings are pleasing to the Powers.

BLESSINGS

The Return Flow

***The Druids prepare the Waters of Life. They are then elevated.
Druid 1 says:***

O Queen of the Wheel, mighty Arianrhod! We have given You gifts and offerings, and ask for blessings in return.

Give us the Waters of Life!

The People say:

Give us the Waters of Life!

The Seer says:

O You mighty Kindreds, Hallow these Waters! We ask you, **give us the Waters of Life!**

The People say:

Give us the Waters of Life!

The Bard says:

Again we ask You, mighty Arianrhod! Mighty Kindreds!

Give us the Waters of Life!

The People say:

Give us the Waters of Life!

The drinking horns are passed from person to person. Bread, if any, is also passed.

***While the Waters are being passed,
The Bard leads the People in singing:***

Pour The Waters

By Ian Corrigan

Pour the waters, raise the cup;
Drink your share of wisdom deep;
Strength and love now fill us up
As the elder ways we keep.
(repeat as necessary)

THE WORKING

Any magical workings may be done at this time.

CLOSING THE GATES

Druid 1 says:

The Kindreds have blessed us! So as we prepare to depart, let us give thanks to those who have aided us.¹²

Druid 2 says:

O Arianrhod, Queen of the Starry Wheel, we thank You!

The People say:

We thank You!

The Bard says:

Gods and Goddesses of elder day; mighty Ancestors; noble Spirits of the Land; our Kindreds, we thank You!

The People say:

We thank You!

The Seer says:

Gatekeeper, warder of the ways, we say:
We thank You!

The People say:

We thank You!

Druid 2 says:

Now we end what we began.

Druid 2 (and the other non-celebrants) chant:

Close the Gates, Close the Gates, Close the Gates.....

Druid 1 closes the gates, spinning deosil, pointing a staff into the air, saying:

Let the Well be water! Let the Fire be flame! Let all be as it was before!

Caed y pyrth! Let the Gates be closed!

The People say:

Let the Gates be closed!

¹² By Ian Corrigan?

Druid 2 rings the bell, three times three.

Druid 1 says:

Walk with wisdom, children of the Earth. The Rite is ended.
Bydded felly! So be it!

The People say:

Bydded felly! So be it!

The Bard leads the people out of the Circle, singing:

Walk With Wisdom
Words and music by Sable

Walk with wisdom, from this hallowed place;
Walk not in sorry, our roots shall `ere embrace.
 May strength be your brother
 And honor be your kin;
And luck be your lover until we meet again!