

Review of Sumble style ritual etc. (Jim and Orion)

Hail the guest!

Hail the Hall! (crowd responds)

The Children of Earth are gathered in the Sacred Grove to hallow this hall for the weekend and to honor the spirit of the warrior. (Jim)

Opening Prayers

A: Universal Spirit: (Jim)

You who are without name
You who are without gender
You who are without form
Spirits which exist in all Creation

We, the Children of the Earth
Call out to you
And ask that you bless this work and our lives.
So be it.
All: So be it!

B: Earth Mother: All kneel and touch or kiss the earth. (Selene)

Feel her touch in the wind;
Taste her nectar in the air;
See her breath in the rippling water;
Smell her perfume in the trees and soil;
Hear her voice in the stones.

The Earth is her soul,
And Life is her prayer.
She is all there is,
And all there is, is part of her.

(Jen Hunt)

Blessings to the All-Mother.

All: So be it!

C: Bardic Inspiration: Group chants Bragi (Jim)

Bragi...Odinson.
Bragi...with your tongue of gold,
Bragi...best of bards,
Bragi...let your inspiration flow!

P makes an offering and says:

Bragi accept my sacrifice.

Outdwellers/Hammer Rite (Nick)

Words spoken from the heart. Offerings made to Outdwellers and to Thor

Meditation (Orion)

Close your eyes. Breathe deeply. Let your spirit roam. Picture yourself in a landscape where your warrior aspect resides: the mountains, the forests, the fields, the seas...the arena of your choice. But find it in your minds eye. Take time to explore this landscape, bringing in rich detail, the smells, the sights, even the taste on the wind...opening all your senses.

In this arena, you see other warriors like you. They are the faces of your ancestors; of warriors you have known; of powerful and wise warriors; of heroes and gods. Take time to be with them and share in any way that you wish.

Now, focus on a specific warrior who represents an ideal for you. Invite this warrior to stand before you and let your eyes meet. Speak with this warrior as long as you wish. Ask what you need for your growth and to come more fully into your warrior aspect. Receive these blessings and guidance.

Then picture those blessings and guidance as a torch. See the flame of the torch burning inside you, shining through you, and upon everything around you. This now is the Warrior aspect. Feel yourself in this place carrying with you the flame from your arena. (Note: This is an adaptation of a meditation from Circle of Song by Kate Marks) (Jesse)

I stand here today not as a Bard
Thou I speak from the heart.
Not as a historian,
Thou I have learned my lessons well.
Not as Seer,
Thou I keep a watchful eye.
Not a clergy
Thou I offer up my council,
I stand not as a leader, brewer, dancer or healer
But do not judge me for what I am, but for what you are.
Without me you could exist in the comfort that life affords you.
I am the beacon in the night,
The fire against the cold
I am what bounds the wolf of chaos and sets things right.
I sacrifice myself for the good of the tribe.
I am a Warrior!
I am a Warrior! (Guild members repeated)
Original poem written by and spoken by **Jim**

Fire, Well And Tree

Offerings to the Sacred Center. **Chant:** Portal Song

CHORUS

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:

CHORUS

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.

CHORUS

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.

CHORUS (with gusto)

Opening the Gates Between the Worlds

Gatekeeper : Heimdallr (**Selene**)

Words spoken from the heart.

Honoring and Inviting the Three Kindreds

Ancestors (**Anna**)

Words spoken from the heart.

Nature Sprits (**Nate**)

Words spoken from the heart.

Gods and Goddesses (**Monica**)

Hail the Shining Ones,
The Gods of this place.
Those who have walked among these trees
Who's voice is on the wind
Those who's heartbeat's in the land
We offer you welcome

To the Matrons and Patrons
Of those gathered here
Who's voice is in our ear
Who's heartbeat's with ours
We offer you welcome

To all the Shining Ones
Who's gifts light the community
Who's voices raise up in chorus
Who's heartbeats mark all time
We offer you welcome

(Original prayer written by Jim)

Makes an offering and says:

Gods and goddesses, accept my sacrifice.

Main Offering

Hail Tyr! Great Sky father,
Guardian of Order, God of the Thing we call on you tonight and ask that you hallow this land for our gathering. May our hearts be true, may our cause be just and may we act with honor and frith.
(Jim)

Open Praise Offerings was three round sumble style ritual.

First round – Gods and Goddesses.

Second round – Ancestors

Third round – land spirits and toast, oaths and boast.

Three oaths were taken on the hammer of Thor

Linda - To do a better job honoring the land spirits

Nate - To be a better man.

Monica - To complete and turn in DP by Yule.

At end of each round Omen was pulled.

Omens to be sent by seer to Seer's Guild and Warrior's Guild in separate report.

Final Offerings...

Hail the Shinning Ones

Thank you for your blessings

May you continue to watch over us

May we walk in Blessings!

May we walk in Blessings! (crowd repeats)

Hail the Ancestors

Thank you for your sacrifice

May you continue to guide us

May we walk in honor!

May we walk in honor! (crowd repeats)

Hail the Land Spirits
Thank you for your lessons
May you continue to teach us
May we walk in balance!
May we walk in balance! (crowd repeats)

Today is a good day and we stand as warriors
Ready for the call of duty
We walk in blessings, honor and balance
If today is our last day then may we die as we walk...
In blessings, honor and balance
Hail the warriors!
Hail the warriors! (crowd repeats)

Original prayer written by and spoken by **Jim**

Receiving the Blessings of the Gods and Spirits

Unlike traditional ADF rituals the blessings we receive are the shared toasts and memories that a sumble resonates with. We have all shared stories of Gods and Goddesses and of Ancestors past, Heros and warriors have been remembered, we have built community and frith...this is the waters of blessings both given and received through the vessel of the sumble horn.

Thanking the Kindreds and Spirits

Honor to the Kindreds, for ever more.
We have called upon the Kindreds and they have answered!
With joy in our heart, we carry their magic into my life and work.
Each time we offer to the powers they become stronger and more aware of our needs and worship.
So as we prepare to depart let me give thanks to those who have aided us.

To Tyr, (crowd says) Hail Tyr!
To the Shining Ones, (crowd says) Hail the Shining Ones!
Nature Spirits, (crowd says) Hail the Nature Spirits!
Ancestors, (crowd says) Hail the Ancestors!
Heimdall, (crowd says) Hail Heimdall!
Thor, (crowd says) Hail Thor!
Bragi, (crowd says) Hail Braigi.
Earth Mother, as always thank you for your blessing, uphold us in life as you have in this ritual
we will return all that was left unused to you...
Hail the Earth Mother (crowd repeats)

Closing the Gates!

(Selene)

Words from the Heart

Ending:

We have done as our ancestors have done, and as our children will do, and the Kindreds have answered. go now, children of the Earth, in peace and blessings. The ritual is at a close. So be it
(Jim)

(This rite was cut and pasted and re-written using published rites on the ADF, 3 Cranes Grove and Warrior's web sites...with much respect and thanks to the authors...)

Time: 1 ½ hours