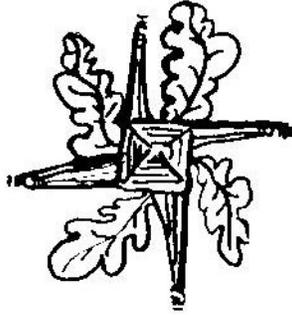


## DOIRE BHRIGHID BASIC RITUAL



Prepare seasonal decor appropriate to the celebration, including something to represent our patron deity, Brigid. Since our grove is dedicated to trees, it would be nice to include something of the trees as well. If possible, include a musical instrument (harp, zither, bell, drum, flute, etc.)

Participants enter the circle. On entering, pause for several breaths, consciously leaving your daily concerns aside, allowing yourself to relax. Perform the Light Body Exercise.

Herald

Light Body Exercise

Sit with your back upright and feet placed firmly on the floor, with your hands resting comfortably on your thighs. Close your eyes and relax your body. If necessary, move in your chair until you feel comfortable. Focus for a while on your breathing. When you feel relaxed and calm, move the focus of your awareness to the soles of your feet. Try to become as aware as possible of only the soles of your feet. Imagine them shining with light and filled with vitality. After a while, move your awareness to your ankles, and so on, working slowly up your body until you reach the crown of your head. Then become aware of your whole body, filled with light, radiance, vitality and strength.

Officiating Bard

Here, the member officiating can lead an appropriate meditation for the ritual.

Herald Rings Bell.

Eastern Bard faces the East, and makes the salutation:

Eastern Bard

O Brigid, Goddess of Fire and Water, of flame and well. We feel your blessing and protection. We dedicate our grove to your service and honor and worship you in our ceremonies. We ask for your blessings on this our ceremony of \_\_\_\_\_.

Northern Bard faces inwards:

Northern Bard            O Spirit of this circle, Spirit of this place, we ask for your blessings, guidance and inspiration on this, our \_\_\_\_\_ ceremony.

Officiating Bard           Here, the member officiating may also invoke whichever entities they care to invite to the ceremony.

Gaelic Speaker, followed by Druid walks to the north, face outward and ask for peace in the North, moving to the South and ask for peace, then move to the West, then the East, forming the Celtic Cross. This call and response.

Druid                        Let us begin by giving peace to the quarters, for without peace can no work be.

Gaelic Speaker            *Gumah bithidh sìth anns an Tuath*  
(in the North)            **Gooma bee-yug shee awns an Too-awth**

Druid/All                    May there be peace in the North

Gaelic Speaker            *Guma bithidh sìth anns an Deas*  
(in the South)            **Gooma bee-yug shee awns Jay-us**

Druid/All                    May there be peace in the South

Gaelic Speaker            *Guma bithidh sìth anns an Siar*  
(in the West)            **Gooma bee-yug shee awns an Sharr**

Druid/All                    May there be peace in the West

Gaelic Speaker            *Guma dithidh sìth anns an Ear*  
(in the East)            **Gooma bee-yug shee awns an Ayr**

Druid/All                    May there be peace in the East

Gaelic Speaker            *Gumah bithidh sìth anns an Cruinne*  
                                  **Gooma bee-yug shee awns an Croo-in**

Druid/All                    May there be peace throughout the whole world.

Druid                        Let us join in the prayer that unites all Druids, spoken first in the Ancient Druid tongue.

Gaelic Speaker

Thoir dhuinn, O Spiorad, do dion  
**Whore zween O Spirit doe YEE-un**

Agus anns an dion, Neart  
**Agas aouns un GEE-un nee-yarsht**

Agus anns an Neart, Tuigse  
**Agas aouns un nee-yarsht, TOOK-shah**

Agus anns an Tuigse, Eòias,  
**Agas aouns un TOOK-shah, YO-laush,**

Agus anns an Eòlas, an t-Eòlas Ceartais  
**Agas aouns un YO-laush, un YO-laush kyarsh-tish**

Agus anns an t-Eòlas Cheartais, an gràdh a ghabhas sinn ann.  
**Agas aouns un YO-laush kyarsh-tish, un grawg a gash sheen aoun**

Agus anns an gràdh ut, an gràdh a tha air uile a th'ann  
**Agas aouns a grawg-OOT, un grawg ahah air OO-lah a-houn**

Agus anns a' ghràdh a tha air uile a th'ann  
**Agas aouns a grawg ahah air OO-lah a-houn**

An Gràdh Spiorad agus uile Mathas.  
**Un grawg Spirit agas OO-lah Mahaus**

All

Grant, O Spirit (Great Spirit, Gods, Goddesses), they protection  
And in protection, strength,  
And in strength, understanding,  
And in understanding, knowledge,  
And in knowledge, the knowledge of justice,  
And in the knowledge of justice, the love of it,  
And in the love of it, the love of all existences,  
And in the love of all existences,  
The love of Spirit (Great Spirit, Gods, Goddesses) and all  
goodness.

Chant cascading Awens.

*Òranaiche* (Kira)

*Òranaiche* leads us in the Awen Song

Druid casts the circle, sunwise, with wand or staff, saying:

Druid

(Druid circumnavigates deocil, holding wand or staff outward)

The Circle is cast  
Between the worlds  
Then, now, and past,  
The unseen unfurls.

The Circle is cast, between  
Deep, grove, and the sky  
No evil shall cross  
This sacred line.

The Circle is Cast  
By Hand and Art  
Held steadfast  
'Ere we depart.

Western Bard starts at the West, and purifies the circle with water (bowl), saying:

Western Bard            May this circle be blessed and purified with Water.

Southern Bard starts at the South and consecrates the circle with Fire (candle), saying:

Southern Bard            May this circle be sained and consecrated with Fire.

Four participants standing at the four quarters, starting with East, and greet the Four Guardians. They turn to face outwards and raise one or both hands in salutation and say:

Herald                    Let the four direction be honored, and let the gateways of the Quarters be opened, that power and radiance might enter our circle for the good of all beings.

Eastern Bard            With the blessing of SEABHAC (**SHEH-VAK**), the Hawk of Dawn soaring in the clear pure air, I call upon the powers of the East.

Southern Bard            With the blessing of DAMH (**DAHV**), the Great Stag in the heat of the chase, and the inner fire of the Sun, I call upon the powers of the South.

Western Bard            With the blessing of BRADAN (**BRATTAN**), the Salmon of Wisdom who dwells within the sacred waters of the pool, I call upon the powers of the West.

Northern Bard            With the blessing of ART (**ARSHT**), the Great Bear of the starry heavens and the deep and fruitful earth, I call upon the powers of the North.

## CENTRAL WORKING

In addition to the Central Working, members are encouraged to bring their oracles to the ritual and pull an ogham, stone, tarot card, etc. for each member, and a general one for the group, for guidance.

## CLOSING

Druid                      Let us all hold hands and say the Druid's Vow.

Gaelic Speaker        *Bheir sinn mionnan air an siths agus an gràdh a sheasamh,*  
**Vair sheen m-yòu-nan air aoun shees agas aoun graw a hëss**

*Cridhe gu cridhe agus làmh ann an làmh,*  
**Kree-ah grew kree-ah agas lāv aoun-un lāv,**

*Mhothaich, O Spiorad, agus bi gar cluinntinn*  
**Vo-aigh, O Spirit, agas be garr clue-eeen-cheen**

*Daingnicheadh seo, ar geàlladh naomh.*  
**Dàwn-ya-shug show, are gya-lig nyeev**

ALL                      We swear by peace and love to stand,  
Heart to heart, and hand in hand  
Mark, O Spirit, and hear us now,  
Confirming this our sacred vow.

When all are ready, Druid returns to the center of the circle and prepares to close the gateway.

Druid stands at the East, facing the center and say:

Druid                      As the radiance of this ceremony fades, let it remain as a light in  
our hearts. May our memory hold what the eye and ear have  
gained.

Now extinguish the central candle. Chant cascading Awens. Then say:

Herald                      May the spirits of the Four Directions be thanked for their  
blessings.

Northern Bard        In the name of ART (**ARSHT**), the Great Bear of the starry  
heavens and the element of Earth, I thank the powers of the North.

Western Bard         In the name of BRADAN (**BRATTAN**), the Salmon of Wisdom and  
the element of Water, I thank the powers of the West.

Southern Bard        In the name of DAMH (**DAHV**), the Great Stag and the element of

Fire, I thank the powers of the South.

Eastern Bard            In the name of SEABHAC (**SHEH-*VAK***), the Hawk of Dawn and the element of Air, I thank the powers of the East.

*Òranaiche* (Kira)      *Òranaiche* leads us in the Awen Song

Druid uncasts the circle with wand or staff, counter-sunwise, and says:

Druid                    As water recedes and fire dies down,  
Let the circle sink back to the ground.  
Let holy light illumine our hearts.  
And our memory hold all, 'ere we depart.

Herald                    May the blessing of Holy Brigid, and the Great Spirits be always upon us. I declare this ceremony of \_\_\_\_\_ is closed in the apparent world. May its inspiration continue within our beings.

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