

Irish Celtic Imbolc 2020

Native American Appeasement offering

Sam

We honor the Spirits and Ancestors from the Land which we hail from,

The unceded territories of the Kalapuya, Atfalati, and Chinook,

We honour you; we thank you.

We ask for forbearance as we do our own Work here and now,
On these lands You hold sacred.

May your descendants know Justice in their lifetime.

Forest

"As we gather together today, we align ourselves with these virtues that we hold in
common:

To be wise

To be pious

To be visionary

To persevere

To be moderate

To uphold integrity

To be courageous

To be hospitable

And to bear the fruits of fertility

So say we all."

Call to ritual

Spider

Ancestors! (tap staff)

Nature Spirits!

Shining Ones!

Welcome kindred three, we shall meet after the gates have been opened.

Welcoming the Public to the Rite

Spider

Children of the Earth! Welcome to Columbia Grove's Imbolc Ritual. We are here to honor the gods of old as one community united in worship and devotion.

Talk about Dirt

Let us begin by calling our warrior The Morrigan

Calling on a Protector

David

Morrigan,

Great warrior goddess, Battle Crow, Phantom Queen, we call to you, Join us here this day. Let this space here serve as the boundary. Let none pass that would mean us harm. Great Goddess protect us and keep at bay any being that would disrupt this rite or who do not act in accordance with our ways. Morrigan, we offer you this meat. Join us here and accept our offering.

Appeasing the Outdwellers

Forest

The Outdwellers represent many things; they are energies and spirits that are cruel and harmful to our rite, they work in dark and mysterious ways and do no good in this grove. Outdwellers are also negative thoughts and anything that can stand in the way of our connection to this rite among each other. Tonight, we make offering to the Outdwellers so that they may stay HERE away from our sacred space.

David

writes own invocation or uses this one

Denizens of our thoughts and minds
Dark spirits old and new!
You act against our ways tonight
So we extend this gift to you

Stay far away from our sacred space
We ask that you now GO!
Keep yourselves out of our way
And don't disrupt our flow

Outdwellers we offer you whiskey!

Please keep yourselves at bay
Outdwellers, don't bother us!
We ask you, Stay Away!

Procession

Spider

Children of the Earth, you may now enter the sacred Grove

Song

We approach the Sacred Grove
With hearts and minds and flesh and bone
Join us now in ways of old
We have come home

Purification of the Folk and Grove

Forest

Now it is time to purify ourselves of all imperfections, this allows us to present ourselves to the Kindreds as pure beings.

Cheyenne and _____ light incense and asperges water around group

Everyone

By the might of the water and the light of the fire
This grove is made whole and holy

Opening Statement and Precedence

Amber

Wording can be altered or changed

Here we gather, pagans and peoples of all paths, honoring our gods and receiving their wisdom in return.

Let us pray with a good fire!

Together, let us make offerings to our Kindreds!

Let us honor and nurture our connection to those deities, remembering them, telling their stories, and keeping the old ways very much so, alive.

Today we honor Brigid, Goddess of Divine Inspiration, Triple Goddess of Smithcraft, Poetry and Healing. We honor the warmth of her fire as the earth begins to stir with the first signs of springtime.

Earth Mother/Goddess of Sovereignty

Forest

We honor the Earth Mother today in her form as Danu. We will also honor our Goddess of Sovereignty Columbia! Please kneel down or direct your energy towards the Earth while we invite both!

Rob

We call upon our Earth Mother Danu, Mother of the Gods, Lady of the Waters, join this rite as we honor Brigid, goddess of healing, keeper of the hearth and worshipped by the poets. We give you thanks for the many benefits that you have bestowed upon us, especially for Columbia, the spirit of this place. In your wisdom guide us on this day of Imbolc. Blessed be.

Forest

Columbia, with song we invoke and honor you:

Columbia Song

Forest

Earth Mother Danu and Radiant Goddess Columbia. Join us and accept our offerings!

Two Powers Meditation

Geri

And now let us attune ourselves with the two powers meditation...begin by closing your eyes...

Let us begin to open our minds to Magic, to the presence of the Gods. Begin with your body. Plant your feet firmly on the ground, balanced and upright... shake out your arms and shoulders... let gravity pull you evenly toward the earth, as you release the everyday tensions in your flesh...begin to breathe deeply.... With each breath fill your lungs slowly... and completely... with each outbreath empty them entirely... for a moment just watch your breath... in... and out...

As you continue to breath, imagine... feel... that from the bottoms of your feet, roots appear...extending through the earth below you... a strong tap-root slides down going deeper and growing stronger... down to touch the Waters that are under the Earth... the dark, cool, magnetic Power of the Land... with each deep

breath, draw the waters up through your roots... feel it flowing into your feet... tingling and energizing... rising into your legs...pull the waters up to your waist... Breath deep, and draw the Earth Power up your spine... cool and powerful... to fill and pool in your heart...Pull it higher... rising up to pool in your head... filling and energizing you... rising finally to fountain out from the crown of your head and flow back into the earth...

You are filled with the Power of the Earth... Now imagine... that from overhead... from the stars in the turning Sky... a single ray of light shines out... out and down to bathe your body in the warm, electric Powers of the Sky... shining down over your head... over your heart... over your head... warming the waters... everywhere the light touches becomes bright...like fire dancing on water...raise your hands to the Sky and let the earth Power flow into your hands... feel... see... them brighten and energized with the Powers of Earth and Sky...

Now reach out to those beside you... join your shining hands together... let the Waters and the Fire flow through us all... through each and all of us from heart to fingertip... making us one light... one depth... as we open our hearts to the Powers of our rite.

You may now open your eyes:

10. Hallowing the Portals

Amber

Before we can honor the kindreds and our beloved Brigid we must create a sacred space to stand between the worlds...Let us now sanctify these objects as portals to the other worlds

Hallowing the Portals Cont. and Opening of the Gates

Forest (memorize)

Well and Fire and Sacred Tree, Flow and flame and grow in me

All Repeat

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

David

Sacred waters 'neath our feet,

Unformed powers of the deep,

Fountain upwards now to fill us,

Sacred Well, flow within us!

(Member Offers Silver to the well)

All Repeat

Sacred Well, flow within us!

Forest (memorize)

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

All Repeat

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

Carly

Sacred fire, light of Heaven,

Holy power of Transformation,

Create Order out of chaos.

Sacred fire, burn within us!

(Member Offers Incense to the Fire)

All Repeat

Sacred fire, burn within us!

Forest (memorize)

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

All Repeat

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

Arin

Sacred Tree, which joins together

Powers of chaos and of order,

Grant us wisdom, strong and ageless.

Sacred tree, grow within us!

(Member offers acorns to the World Tree)

All Repeat

Sacred Tree, grow within us!

Forest (memorize)

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

All Repeat

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

Forest (memorize)

Gatekeeper open the portals,

Between the gods and mortals,

Power freely flows,

As our magic grows

Manannan now aid us here Boundaries shall disappear

All Repeat

Manannan now aid us here Boundaries shall disappear

Forest

Mighty god of in between

guiding souls to Summerland

opener of gates unseen

help our consciousness expand

Manannan now aid us here Boundaries shall disappear

All Repeat

Manannan now aid us here Boundaries shall disappear

Forest

Keeper of the sacred gate

use your strong and holy power

let our voices resonate

join you magic here with ours

Manannan now aid us here Boundaries shall disappear

All Repeat

Manannan now aid us here Boundaries shall disappear

Forest (memorize)

Manannan now we've called thrice now accept our sacrifice

All repeat

Manannan now we've called thrice now accept our sacrifice and Open the Gates!

Pours out sacrifice

All Repeat

Forest will lead:

Note:

"Let the fire open as a portal to the Gods and Goddesses, Let the Well open as a portal to the Ancestors. Let the tree open as a portal to the Nature Spirits..."

Open the gates!

Open the gates!

...Repeat until gates are open

Forest

"And so they are"

Amber

Close your eyes: meditation piece *Concise*

Offering to the Powers

Amber

We now stand in-between the worlds. A place where we can communicate with the Kindreds and Our beloved lady Brigid. Now is the time for us to invite, offer and honor the three Kindreds.

Forest

Who here calls to the Ancestors?

Guest

To our Ancestors,

We who remember, call to you!

To the ancient tribes whose legacy flows in our veins,

To the elder wise ones of ancient days who guide the people,

To those ancient ones whose bones lie in this land,

Mighty Ancestors! Join us, and accept our offering of whiskey!

(offering of dried flowers)

Forest

Who here calls out to the Nature Spirits?

Guests:

Dear Ones of claw, hoof, fin and wing
We call to you: air, earth and water.
Hear us as we reach out to you,
Nature spirits that we hold so dear,
Join us here and accept our offering of Cranberries and nuts!
[offering of birdseed]

Forest

Who calls out to the Gods and Goddesses?

Guest

O Shining Ones,
We ask that you join us here today and share your light and wisdom with us.
Bring us closer to the sacred and bless us with your sweet potential.
Shining Ones join us here and accept our offering of Whiskey!
[offering of Whiskey]

Amber

Mighty Kindreds, we welcome you!

Deity of the Occasion

Forest

Let us now invite our deity of the occasion, Brigid to join us here.

Amber***Invocation can be altered as desired***

Lady Brigid, we sit among each other awaiting your divine presence.
We call to the daughter of the Daghdha.
a woman of arts and endless fire of inspiration.
Join us here as we celebrate you.

Now close your eyes:

Imagine, see.

In front of you is a maiden, she walks softly in a gown white as milk.

Where she steps the ground thaws and flower shoots spring up.

You feel her fire deep within you, and also around you, for her flame warms the earth and all those upon it.

Beside her is an anvil, this is where she crafts weapons that know no match

Her hands are the hands of a healer, soft, but full of wisdom and experience.

Her voice is clear as crystal, the fire in her heart, unmatched, her inspiration touches us all.

Brigid is among us....

[Amber sings: Brigid song gaelic](#)

Amber

Lady Brigid, join us, and accept our offering of song and cream.

Praise Offerings

Amber

Brigid is a complex Goddess, a Bard, A Smith and a Healer.

People from all over the world travel to Ireland to visit Brighid's healing wells and tonight we will bring the well here.

In this vial is a collection of waters from around the world, including one of Brigid's Holy Healing Wells in Ireland. Let us hollow this bowl of water and make it sacred as it mixes with the waters of Ireland.

May this water radiate with Brighid's magic!

Each of you were given a strip of paper at the start of this rite and a pencil. If you have not done so, please write a word (or a few), a name, a body part, or something in your life that could use Brigid's Healing hands. This paper is dissolvable and we will all drop this into this well so that our voices can be heard by Brigid herself.

When you have placed your paper into the well walk over to the anvil and strike it thrice and pick up a candle as Brigid's blessing on your way back to your seat.

If you're not comfortable coming up, you won't be left out. I will come around and collect the extra papers and we'll make sure you get a candle. Healing and blessings are for everyone.

Station 1:

People walk to Brighid's shrine with the bowl of water and drop their paper in (After about 5

are dropped a member mixes the water to help the paper dissolve....repeat until done)

Station 2:

Next to the Brigid shrine is the anvil, they hit the anvil

Station 3.

Someone holds a basket of candles and makes sure each person gets one

And Let us make personal offerings to our Goddess of the Rite, Lady Brigid. This is also a time to make offerings to your own personal Ancestors, Nature Spirits, and Gods/Goddess.
(Hold the candle, and instruct guests to touch it once they are finished with their offerings)

Bards:

Let our Voices

Prayer of Sacrifice

Forest

Our actions thus far have led up to this moment. We have made offerings to the kindreds and Lady Brigid. We offer this prayer of sacrifice, the last of our own offerings before we receive the blessings in return.

Forest (paraphrase)

O Noble, Ancient and Shining Ones!

Offerings we made to You!

Offerings have we made through the Well, Fire and Tree!

Kindreds! All this we give to You in the name of Hospitality.

May our Piety increase Your magic!

May our Courage increase Your Power!

And may our Fertile Spirits show the world Your abundance!

Mighty Kindreds, accept our sacrifices!

Piacular Offering

Amber

As we modern mortals are imperfect beings and could not know exactly how the ancient pagans of Ireland practiced, or how to use their language with their particular dialect, we have done our best tonight to keep the old ways alive and Brigid remembered. But, if we have done anything in

an incorrect manner, misspoke or done anything offensive, for that we apologize and offer this whiskey in recompense. Mighty kindreds except our offering.

Omen

Cups come out right before the omen

Forest

We have given of our love and our wishes to Lady Brigid.
We made offerings to the Kindreds, so that they may know our devotion.
Now let our voices arise on the Fire
Let our voices sound in the Well
Let our words pass through the Tree.
May we open to the Kindreds,
Asking what blessings they offer us in return
And the needs they have of us.

[Song: Offered our Gifts](#)

Geri

Seer takes omen

Mighty Ancestors! What message do you have for us in return for our offerings?

Mighty Nature Spirits! What message do you have for us in return for our offerings?

Mighty Gods and Goddesses! What message do you have for us in return for our offerings?

And Finally, our beloved Brigid, what message do you have in return for our offerings?

Call for Blessings

Forest (paraphrase)

Prepare yourself to receive the final blessings from the Kindreds. Please hold up your empty cup. visualize the blessings that each of you desire and need from Brigid, Ancestors, Nature Spirits, Shining ones. See it clearly in your mind's eye. And when we ask for the Waters of Life, when we say, "Give us the Waters of Life", see the blessing you desire descend into your empty cup like a mist, filling the cup. And when we drink of the Waters, you will receive your blessing. So close your eyes and take a moment to visualize your needs, and the needs of our community, that we may all receive the blessings we desire

Ancestors! May you fill these waters with _____
Nature Spirits! May you fill these waters with _____
Gods and Goddesses! May you fill these waters with _____
And Brigid! May you fill these waters with _____

We pray you honor us in turn
For a gift calls for a gift.
Hear your children:
Kindreds, give us the Waters!
Kindreds, give us the Waters!
And thrice, your children ask:
Kindreds, give us the Waters of Life!

Do you accept these waters blessed by the kindreds?
Then you shall have them.

Bards: Pour the Water

Main Working

Amber

Now that everyone has had the opportunity to ask Brigid for healing and has received her blessing will you all rise from your seats and hold your candles high.
May Brigid heal us and our loved ones, may Brigid hear our prayers and may the warmth of her fire burn bright within ourselves.

Let us light these candles in her honor.

starts lighting one candle from both ends of the room while guests pass their candle light to the next

Let the fire radiate the heat that warms the earth as spring approaches. Let the fire spark our creativity and focus. Let the fire warm our hearts and minds. May Brigid walk among us.

Sing Song

Carriers of the Light - Jerry Estes

1. We are ignited, we are ablaze,
Burning with the fire of life.
We have invited you to this place,
To step into the circle of light.

Refrain: We are carriers of the light,
Come to shatter the darkness.
We have power to pierce the night,
Carriers of the light.

2. Standing together shining our light,
There is no stopping us now.
Chasing the shadows into the night,
Overcoming darkness and doubt.

Refrain We are carriers of the light,
Come to shatter the darkness.
We have power to pierce the night,
Carriers of the light.

Have person turn off lights for a moment

Amber

May we all feel the healing touch and the fire of Brighid as the season warms to spring. May we take these candles with us to light in times when we need healing throughout the year.

blows out candle

Thanking the Powers

Forest

We have made offerings and honored our beloved Goddess Brigid. We have called upon the mighty Kindreds this day. Now is the time to thank them before they leave.

Amber

To Brigid, Goddess of the flame within all things... We thank you!

Forest

Who thanks the Gods and Goddesses?

Guest

Shining Ones, for lighting our ways, we thank you.

Forest

Who thanks the Nature Spirits?

Guest

Nature Spirits, for your joy and pleasure, we thank you.

Forest

who thanks the Ancestors?

Guest

Ancestors, for guiding our paths, we thank you.

David

Morrigan, we thank you

Closing the Gates

Forest (paraphrase)

Let us now call upon Manannan one last time and offer our thanks while he helps us close the gates to the realms of the kindreds

(Start Chanting "Close the Gates")

Forest (memorize)

Manannan, for holding the gates open for us...we thank you!

Forest (memorize)

Now, Let the Well be but a cauldron
Let the Fire be but a Flame
Let the Tree be but a Piece of wood

Manannan let the gates be closed!

Forest

And so they are!

Thanking the Earth Mother And Columbia

Rob

Danu, great mother you who sustains us always ... we thank you
Columbia, goddess of this land.... we thank you

Closing the Rite

Amber

We end as we began.
Gods and Goddesses!
Nature Spirits!
Ancestors!
As our Ancestors once did,
as we have done today,
so that our children may do so in the future

The Rite is now Ended!

Bards: [We are Flow](#)

Irish Celtic Imbolc 2019

Position	Member	Offering
Warrior: Morrigan	David	Jerky
Outdwellers		Beer
Earth Mother: Danu	Rob	Daffodils

Two Powers Meditation	Geri	None
Hallowing Portals and Gatekeeper	Actions Well: David Fire: Carly Tree: Arin	Silver Incense Acorns
Ancestors	Guest	Chrysanthemum Flowers
Nature Spirits	Guest	Birdseed
Gods and Goddesses	Guest	Whiskey
Brigid	Spider	Cream
Prayer of Sacrifice		Wreath
Piacular Offering		Whiskey
Main Working		Dissolving Paper Pencils Sacred Water Bowl Ladle Anvil/Hammer Sacred Candle Candles/Papers Terracotta Pot Trowel Candles/paper guards
Seer	Geri	Method:
Waters of Life	Forest	Wheat Beer? Beer
Additional Things Needed		Staff Spear -Brigid (shrine items) -Extra Candles/LED candles -Ask Beth about

		candlesticks -
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