

Columbia Grove Winterfylleth Ritual 2019

Preparation

Recipient	Offering	Speaker
Protector/Warrior (Thunor) THUU-nor	Ale	Ember
Outdwellers	Dark Beer	Stacey
Inspiration/Bardic (Woden) WOE-den	Mead	Beth
Earth Mother (Erce) AIR-kay , Sovereign Goddess (Columbia)	Honey	Spider
Meditation	NA	Lacey
Portals - Well	silver	Cheyenne
Portals - Fire	beer	Rob
Portals - Tree	birdseed	Phil
Gatekeeper (Hama) HAH-mah	Mead	Arin/Beth
Kindreds - Ancestors	Ale	Audience Member 1
Kindreds - Nature Spirits	Birdseed	Audience Member 2
Kindreds - Gods	Mead	Audience Member 3
Deity of the Occasion (Ingvi-Frea) EENG-oo-ee-FRAY-ah	Bacon	Beth

Role	Tools	Person
Marking Sacred Space, Open Gates	Staff	Beth
Purification	Incense	Scout
Asperging w/ Mead of Inspiration	Water with drops of mead	Spider
Praise Offerings	Wreath	Beth
Piacular Offering	Mead	Beth
Taking of the Omen	Rune Cards, Rune Poem Book	Damon
Blessing of the Libation	Pitchers, Mead and Water, Shot Glasses	Damon
Take Away	Stones in bags, Leeks, water w/ mead & mugwort	Beth

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Ritual

This ritual was heavily inspired by Sassafras Grove ADF and much credit goes to them

Setup - 4 PM

Bardic warm up.

Brief meditation before starting ritual

1. Initiating the Rlte

Marking of Sacred Space

Beth (Arin)

Wé cumap tó gebréman þa hálig wihtes!

Way KOOM-ahth Toe Yuh-BRAY-men Thah HALL-eye WHY-tess!

We come to honor the Holy Ones !

Strike staff three times

Arin:

Ancestors! **sound 3 times**

Nature Spirits! **same sound 3 times**

Gods and Goddesses! **same sound 3 times**

We welcome your attention, our Kindreds three.

Tonight we mark the end of the Summer half of the year

and the beginning of the Winter in the Anglo-Saxon reckoning!

We will ask Ingui-Frea, who the Norse call Freyr, Lord of Peace and Pleasure

for his blessings through the coming time of cold and darkness.

As one Tribe, we shall meet you all between the worlds once the gates have been opened.

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Welcoming the Public to the Rite

Arin

Brothers! Sisters! Children of the Great Mother Earth.

Welcome to Columbia Grove's Winterfylleth **WIN-ter-FILL-ehth** ritual.

Today we honor our Kindreds as one Tribe

Let us begin by calling upon the grove protector for the evening, Thunor the God of Thunder, so that he may shield us throughout the course of this Rite.

Calling in the Protector

Stacey

Twhunor **THUU-nor**, son of Woden **WOE-den** and Erce **AIR-kay**! Child of Sky and Earth, making you the most powerful god of Middangeard! **MID-an-yard** We hear the thunder-rumbling wheels of your chariot, pulled by your beloved goats. Strongest of the gods, Protector of Humankind, wield your lightning hammer and slay the monsters that threaten us! Thunor, **THUU-nor** powerful force of nature, be on our side as we enter this rite and accept our offering of ale.

Appeasing the Outdwellers

Arin

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.

Stacey

Ancient Spirits, dark or light,
You who care not for our way,
Outdwellers! We know Your might –
Your forbearance we'll repay!

We now establish here
Sacred ground where You can stay.
We offer you the darkest beer –
We ask of You, please stay away!

Accept our offering!

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2. Purification

Scout

Let us now enter the sacred grove. As you do so, pass between the sticks of incense to purify yourself of imperfections, stresses and distractions of our daily lives. This allows us to present ourselves to the kindred as pure beings.

Procession

SONG: We Approach the Sacred Grove.

Deities of Inspiration

Spider: *Asperge circle with mead of inspiration (water with a few drops of mead in it)*

Beth

Behold the mead of inspiration!

Dwarf Brew!

Giants Hoard!

May it touch our body and strengthen our hearts!

May our songs be sweet and strong

May our words be wrought with Wyrð

With Mortal voice from Middle Earth we call to the highest heaven!

Let the mead inspire us!

Grant us this blessing!

Grant us this grace!

Woden we offer to you this mead and ask you bless us with inspiration! (Alaric Terrason)

Offer Mead to Inspiration Deities

Accept our Offering

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3. Honoring the Earth Mother

Earth Mother Offering

Beth

Today we honor the Eorþan Modor, Erce, **ay-OR-than MOW-door AIR-kay** the Anglo-Saxon Earth Mother, and also our Goddess of Sovereignty, Columbia. Please touch the ground or direct your energies earthward. Feel your reach deep extending all the way to the earth as we invite them in.

Erce Invocation:

Spider

Earth Mother, Erce, **AIR-kay**

Primal Mother of Earth, First and Eldest of the Van,
You who cradles the World Tree in your loving embrace,
Ancient Mother of Middle Earth, You who rides through the land and gives us peace.
As children of the Earth and Sky, May our weapons be sheathed,
May our thoughts be of peace, May our fields yield plenty,
May we not cause pollution and care for this land.
Erce, **AIR-kay** we call upon you and the life-giving magic of the Earth!
Earth Mother, Great Earth Mother,
We come before you in love and respect and ask that you uphold and bless our gathering!

Columbia Offering

Beth

And now an offering of prayer and song to our sovereign goddess Columbia.

SONG: Columbia Song (Arin)

Beth

Eorþan Modor, Erce! **ay-OR-than MOW-door AIR-Kay!** Sovereign Goddess Columbia!
We welcome you to this rite and offer you this (Honey)!
Beautiful Goddesses, accept our Offering!

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4. Statement of Purpose:

Beth

Tonight we mark the end of the Summer half of the year and the beginning of the Winter in the Anglo-Saxon reckoning! Winterfylleth is the first full moon of the winter season. We have asked Thunor to **THUU-nor** keep watch over this sacred place, and we'll be asking Hama **HA-ma** to open and guard the gates between the worlds.

The harvests have been gathered, we give thanks for what we have received in the bright days of summer, and ask Ingui-Frea, Lord of Peace and Pleasure for his blessings through the coming time of cold and darkness. He is also Lord of the Ælfs, the spirits. We will make offerings to Ingui-Frea, the Ælfs, and ancestors, asking for their blessings to ward us against the difficult times ahead.

As at Mother's Night in December, the Saxons honored their female ancestral spirits, at Winterfylleth in Autumn, the Ælfs, the male ancestral spirits, were honored. In addition to our usual offering to the ancestors we'll be making a special offering to the Ælfs and other paternal line ancestors who continue to watch over our families from the spirit realm.

The ancient Anglo-Saxons saw the soul of a person as having several parts. After they pass from life in this world, some part of our ancestors may reside in the halls of the Shining Ones. Some other part of them may also remain in the form of the Ælfs.

We will also do a magical working based on an Anglo-Saxon field charm to charge boundary markers with those protections and blessings.

By the will of the Kindreds, May it be So! (Repeat)

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5.Recreating the Cosmos

Two Powers Meditation

Lacey

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:

Arin

The waters flow around us, the fire burns within us
Standing tall we gather at the center of the world
Upon the Earth, our mother, we worship here together
All as one we gather at the center of the world.

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Hallowing the Portals

Arin

Now let us create a sacred place by hallowing the portals for our benevolent Kindred..

Cheyenne

drop silver into the waters of Wyrð

We leave this offering within the Well of Wyrð, **WEIRD** Deep within the earth.

And may the dwarves bear witness to our sacrifice.

Connection to our Ancestors, We have something to deliver

Window to our Dead, We offer to you, silver.

Rob

pour beer into bowl

We leave this offering to the Sunlight Realm above. May the smoke carry our devotion upward,

And may the Ælfs bear witness to our sacrifice.

Connection to the Gods above, We have something for you here

Window to the Divine, We offer to you, beer

Phil

Offer birdseed into bowl

The roots of the Eormensyl **AYOR-men-syill** are nourished in the waters of Wyrð. **WIERD**

Its infinite limbs reach to the Sunlight Realm and beyond.

Woden's **WOE-dens** tree, towering tall, spanning the worlds of gods and men.

Between the light above and the waters below, we gather at the Sacred Tree

Connection to the Nature Spirits, We have something here indeed

Window to the Earth Spirits, We offer to you, seed.

Beth

Sacred fire, burn within us! (Repeat)

Sacred Well, flow within us! (Repeat)

Sacred tree, grow within us! (Repeat)

Well, and fire, and sacred tree, flow and flame and grow in me

Repeat chant 3 times with audience participation

6. Opening the Gates

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Beth

The portals have been hallowed, the realms have been honored. and now we stand ready at the crossroads.

The mists of magic are forming around us, guiding us, empowering us.

NOW is the time for us to call upon our Noble Gatekeeper, the mighty Hama.

Arin opens the gates with Staff while Beth speaks, starts Hama chant

Beth

Guardian of Osgeard **OSS-yard**

Eagle-eyed and keen of ear!

You, who sound your great horn to warn the gods of danger.

Hama, accept our offering of mead!

Offer mead into bowl

Give us your blessing!

Open a way between the worlds, That our prayers and praise might be heard in the halls above,
below and beyond this Middle Earth.

Turn this fire into a mouthpiece to the Gods,

Open this well as a portal to the Ancestors, and

Hallow this tree as a connector to both and a window to our land spirits

Hama! **HA-ma** You who see and hear all --- Hear us now!

SONG: Gatekeeper Open the Portals

Gatekeeper open the portals,
Between the Gods and mortals,
Power freely flows,
As our magic grows.

Beth

Help us now,

OPEN THE GATES, OPEN THE GATES, OPEN THE GATES...

LET THE GATES BE OPEN!!!

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7. Inviting the Three Kindreds

Arin

It is time to make offerings to our kindred who may join us in celebration today. Who here calls upon the Sacred Ancestors, our Mighty dead,

Guest part

I give this offering to the dead who have brought us to this place
Across the ages we call to you!
Ancestors of blood who've given us worldly form
Ancestors of spirit, whose inspiration illuminates the path before us
Ancestors, We honor you with an offering of Ale!
Accept our offering!
Offering of Ale

Ancestors, Mighty Dead, we welcome you!

Arin

Who among us will call the Spirits of Nature

Guest Part

I give this offering to the spirits who dwell in this place
To ælf and dwarf, Wood-wose, **WOESS** and wight, **WHY-t**, Moss-wives, flora, and fauna
Good neighbors, we honor you with this offering of seed
Accept our offering!
Offer Birdseed

Spirits of Nature, we welcome you!

Arin

Lastly, who among us will call upon the powerful Gods and Goddesses,

Guest Part

I give this offering to the Mighty Ones, who have blessed this place
Who dwell in the celestial heavens, dance upon the waves,
and are found in the depths of the earth and in the wild places
Mighty Ones, we honor you with this offering of Mead
Accept our offering!
Offer Mead

Gods and Goddesses, Mighty Ones, we welcome you!

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8.Key Offerings

Invitation of the Ælfes

Beth

Welcome Ælfes, Ancestral spirits, Wyrd **WEIRD**

Tonight we are here to honor the Ælfes,

The paternal line ancestors,

And those who walk in the paternal line.

Feel their presence as we invite them in.

To the Elders of our blood.

Fathers of our fathers, we call to you!

You who, generations past, watch over us still.

Fathers of our ancestors,

ancestors in and of our paternal line who care for us,

on this night we give special honor to you.

We sculon þú on gemynd niman

Way SHOOL-on du on ye-MUND NIM-an

We will remember you

Praise Offerings

Arin

It is now time for us to make personal offering of praise to our kindreds. You may now come up and make an offering in silence if you like. We ask that if you would like to make an offering to the Gods, please place it near the candles representing today's fire. You may offer items to the well for your Ancestors, and any offerings to the Nature Spirits to our World Tree. Feel free to come up a few at a time and take hold of the wreath when ready to make your Praise offerings.

Praise Offerings

Song.

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9. Prayer of Sacrifice

Beth

Ingwi-Frea, Ælfs, and Paternal line Ancestors!

Kindreds three,

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

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 sacrifice! (Repeat)

Sacrifice: Wreath to the Fire

Piacular Offering

Beth

Ad hoc.

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10. Omen

Arin

So we have shown our devotion by giving of our hearts and our offerings to the Kindreds,
May we open ourselves to the Kindreds,
asking what blessings they offer to us and what needs they may have of us...

SONG: Our Gifts Go to the Gods

Damon

Answer me now, Ancestors, what blessing do you offer us, in return for our offerings?

Draw rune for the Ancestors and Listen for any inspiration on meaning.

The Ancestors bless us with _____.

Read the rune poem

Pause briefly for group contemplation.

Answer me now, Nature Spirits , what blessing do you offer us, in return for our offerings?

Draw rune for the Nature Spirits and Listen for any inspiration on meaning.

The Nature Spirits bless us with _____.

Read the rune poem

Pause briefly for group contemplation.

Answer me now, Gods and Goddesses , what blessing do you offer us, in return for our offerings?

Draw rune for the Gods and Goddesses and Listen for any inspiration on meaning.

The Gods and Goddesses bless us with _____.

Read the rune poem

Pause briefly for group contemplation.

Recap the Oracle

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11. Hallowing of Blessing

Damon

Ancestors, May you fill this water with the blessings of _____

Nature Spirits, May you fill this water with the blessings of _____

Gods and Goddesses, May you fill this water with the blessings of _____

12. Call for Blessing

Damon

Close your eyes: See the blessings that each of you desire and need from the Kindreds. See it clearly in your mind's eye. And when we say, "Give us the Waters of Life!", see the blessings you desire descend into the cup like a mist, filling it. And when we drink of the Waters, you will receive this blessing. When you are ready you may open your eyes...

(pause)

Now, Kindreds your children cry out to you "Give us the Waters".

Again, we your children call out to you "Give us the Waters!"

A final resounding time, your children shout "Give us the Waters of Life!!"

Do you accept these blessings from the Kindreds?

All: Yes!

Then you shall have them.

13. Affirmation of Blessing

Behold these waters in all their glory

For they are yours!

Pass out waters

SONG: Blessings in the Waters

Beth

þis lif is læne! thiss LIF iss LAY-nuh

Drink and be Merry!

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14. Workings.

Beth

Outside Winter's wolves await. We ask Ingwe-Freo to work this charm with us to ward our homes from wasting illness, want and death.

Bring forth your bags of stones. These 4 stones are the boundary stones of your home.
Hold them in your hands and close your eyes. See Home in your mind.
Warmth and golden candle light. Voices of friends and family as food and drink are shared.
The wind and rain may blow outside the doors, but we are snug inside.
Visualize this warmth of home and hearth sinking deep into these stones.

We bless these stones with mugwort which forbids evil workings and averts the eyes of evil men from your home. We bless these stones with leeks invoking their protective strength.

Use Leeks to Asperge with water infused in mead and mugwort.

Here we stand, for blessings we pray.
We pray Ingwe-Freo, Lord of the Ælfs, Lord of the Mound,
We pray to the Ælfs
We pray to the Ancestors
Earth we pray and sky
that may this *galdor* by your gifts grant to each of us
that their home be guarded against all enemies,
and that it be protected from poisons.

Speak these words after me three times:

Ingwe-Freo, Ælfs and Ancestors, ward our homes from wasting illness. 3x

Ingwe-Freo, Ælfs and Ancestors, ward our homes from want. 3x

Ingwe-Freo, Ælfs and Ancestors, ward our homes from untimely death. 3x

Now we bid that there be no-one that can overturn these words so spoken!

Ingwe-Freo, Ælfs and Ancestors grant us the gift of sheltered homes!

Be blessed with wardings wise! Stay strong pebbles with power!

You may open your eyes.

These stones may be placed around your land, home, room, vehicle or carry them with you.
They mark the boundaries of warded space. As stone can hold the warmth of the day into night,
they will carry the warmth of home for you into the dark time of the year.

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15. Thanking the Beings

Beth

Before this rite can be concluded we must properly thank those who have joined us here today.

Thanking the Kindred

Arin

Who here thanks the Gods and Goddesses?

Audience Member 3: Gods and Goddesses, named and unnamed,
we thank you for being a bright part of our Winterfylleth celebration in preparation for this dark
time of the year.

Gods and Goddesses, We thank you!

Arin

Who here thanks the Spirits of Nature?

Audience Member 2: Nature Spirits, those who walk alongside us on this earth seen and
unseen,

we thank you for bringing your life and beauty to us.

Nature Spirits, We thank you!

Arin

Who here thanks the Beloved Ancestors?

Audience Member 1: Our Ancestors, those who share their wisdom with us.

Fathers who nurture us and guide us. Thank you for honoring us with your presence today.

Ancestors, we thank you!

Thanking the Gate Keeper

Beth

Hama!

Guardian of Osguard

Eagle-eyed and keen of ear!

We give thanks for helping us open the Way!

And for guarding the gate during our Rite

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16. Closing the Gates

Beth

Now in your wisdom and power, we ask that you Close the gate, Close the Gate,
Close the Gate ... *Arin will dance!*

Let the Portal to the Ancestors return to a simple well
Let the Portal to the Gods and Goddesses become a singular fire
Let the Tree, be nothing more than a log
Let all be as it was before, and our sacred space return to its origin!
Let the gates be closed!

All: Let the gates be closed!

17. Thanking the Earth Mother

Columbia

Arin?

To the sovereign Goddess of our region,
named from the waters that give life and beauty to so much around us.
Sovereign Goddess Columbia, we thank you!

Earth Mother

Spider

We give thanks to Erce, Earth mother and always present. We thank you

Warrior

Stacey

We give thanks to Thunor, **THUU-nor** lord of thunder, for his protection of our rite. We thank you.

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18. Closing the Rite

Beth

Please stand and join hands in a circle as you are able.

It has been done in the past
As we have done it now
And as it likewise will be done in future generations
We have forged a link in the sacred chain of Tradition!

I would ask each of you to remember that regardless of our spiritual path, we are brethren.
On this night, let matters of pride and ill-will be forgotten, for all here are family.
Among us, let there be happiness, mirth and festivity to welcome in the beginning of Wintertide!

Let us sing one final song together

Song: walk with wisdom

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Beoð æt þa godas, þa ylfe,
Ond þa ieldra.
Wesað ge hal!

**BAY-oth AEET tha GOH-dahs,
tha YILL-fah,
ond tha YELL-dra.
way-SATH yuh HALL!**

Be with the gods,
the ælfs,
the ancestors.
Be ye whole!