

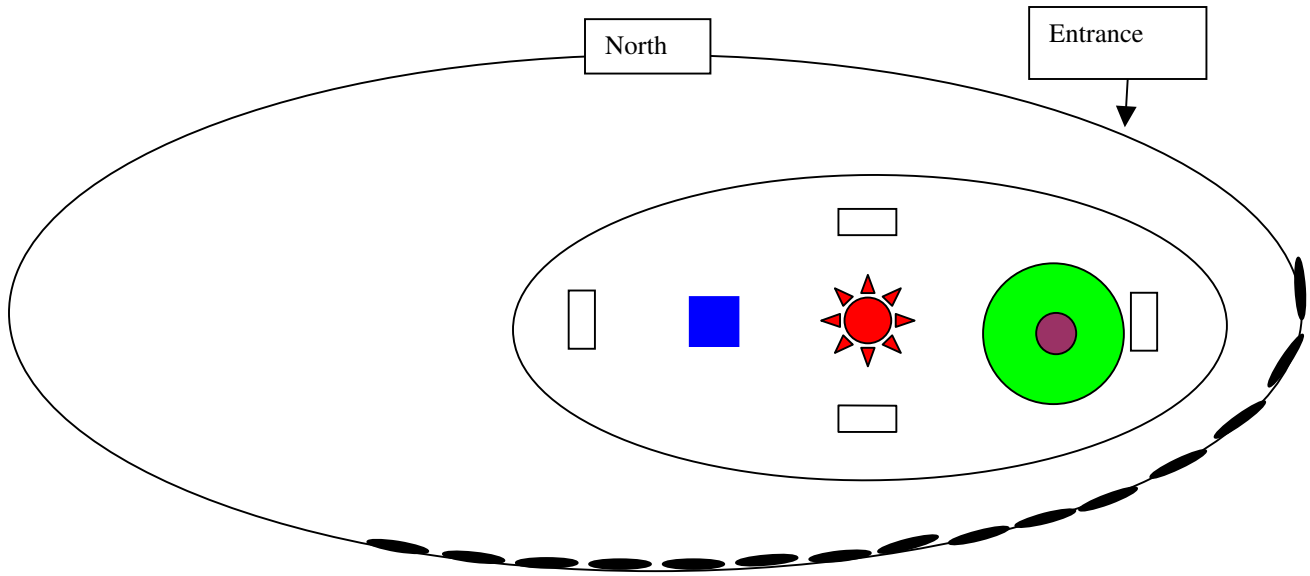
Alban Elyed

The Fall Fest Main Rite

Also called
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The Red Oak Grove Ritual





Can have fire on ground, if we want, or can use Fire Urn
Can shuck corn onto ground (need to rake up on Sunday morn)
Can have dinner in Stone Circle

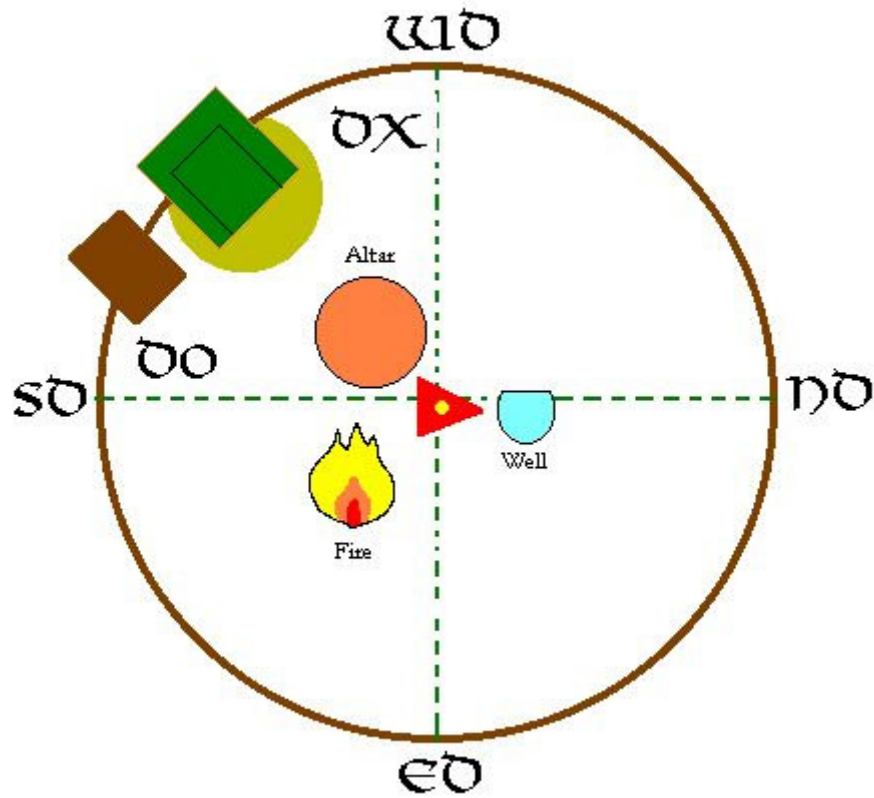
Alban Elfed/Fall Fest Ritual Outline

Location:

	Preparation of Nyfed: Altar, Tools, offerings, etc.
	Brief celebrants: how, when, why
	Individual meditation and preparation
	Musical signal
	Procession and chant: "By the Land Beneath Us"
	Call to Worship
	Unity Chant: "The People of the Oak"
	Call Mising and acknowledge the Outsiders
	Ask Brigeidd for Bardic Assistance:
	Ritual Purpose & Precedent & Name Deities of the Occasion. Tell people that we're going to Channel Rhiannon. Ask Rhiannon to come later.
	Purification(s) of DXs and Participants
	Define Sacred Center: "All is One" Prayer
	Honor Don & An Dagda – Torches on either side of Fire.
	Invoke Gatekeeper: Manawydan son of Llyr & Open the Gates
	Invoke the Three Kindreds: Nature Spirits, Ancestors & Gods – Invokers walk up one at a time and stay until all are there. LD goes to center.
	Invoke Grove Gods: Math, Brigeidd, Lleu, Rhiannon
	Channeling of Rhiannon
	Robe & Torc
	Offer Hospitality: Throne, Best Mead, Best Pie
	Invoke guest Gods and Kindred all at once
	Praise Offerings, Dance, Libations, etc
	The Final Sacrifice & Prayer of Acceptance – face Rhiannon
	Meditation upon Personal and Group Needs
	Reception of Blessings from Deities
	Consecration and Sharing the Waters of Life: (9 Mead Maidens): Pour for all, then all drink together
	Acceptance of Individual Blessings
	Ask Rhiannon to tell us what Her Blessings are
	Thanks guest deities and kindred
	Thank Grove Gods: Brigeidd, Lleu, Rhiannon & Cernunnos
	Thank Three Kindreds: Gods, Ancestors & Nature Spirits
	Thank Mising
	Thank Manawydan & Close the Gates
	Honor Don & An Dagda
	Ending Chant: People of the Oak
	Final Benediction
	Musical Signal
	End of Rite

A. ARRANGEMENT

The layout of the Nyfed:



The Altar:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Wand of Math B. Chalice of Bri C. Sword of Lleu D. Sickle of Rhiannon |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lamp of Dón and An Dagda 2. Goblets of Waters of Life 3. Tinctures of Oak and Mistletoe 4. Olive Oil 5. Hazel Nut 6. Whiskey 7. Trove box 8. Chalice for final sacrifice |
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Alban Elfed/Fall Fest Main Rite

B. BEGINNING

1. BD'S MUSICAL SIGNAL TO ESTABLISH CLEAR-CUT BEGINNING

2. THE PROCESSIONAL & CHANT

All the Celebrants, led by Fire Tender with lit Torch:

By the Land beneath us,
By the Sea surrounding us,
By the Sky above us,
We come unto the Gods.

Walk around Deosil one complete time. Fire Tender places Torch in holder

3. CALL TO WORSHIP

DX walks to Altar, turning to face all:

People of the Oak, Friends of the Earth, Children of the Mother,
Faithful Followers of the Old Ways,
We call you all to join us now in Sacred Worship.

4. UNITY CHANT: "PEOPLE OF THE OAK"

*We are the people of the Oak
Gathered by the sacred tree.
Nature's great Spirits we invoke
All your Blessings growing free.*

*We are the children of the Dead
Joined here by the Sacred Well
Honoring everything you've said
Guided by the words you tell.*

*We are the servants of the Gods
Praying by the Sacred Fire
Holding our sickles and our rods,
Sending our praises ever higher.*

C. CALLING THE KINDRED

1. CALL MISINGKAULEKUAN & ACKNOWLEDGE OUTSIDERS

Misingkaulekuan, Mighty masked dancer of the woods,
We call you and all of the Spirits of Nature,
We thank you for allowing us to spend this time in your home.

To those who are not our allies
We ask you to be silent for a while and leave us alone,
With our loving thoughts, words and deeds.

2. STATE RITUAL PURPOSE & PRECEDENT

Today we celebrate Alban Elfed...

Details about the season & the Deities & special Rites of Passage, etc. Explain the channeling of Rhiannon to come later.

3. ASK BRIGEDD FOR BARDIC ASSISTANCE

BD: Dearest Brigedd, Matron of Poets, inspirer and healer,
Send us your Blessed Awen
Let us uplift our hearts with Your words.

4. PURIFY PEOPLE

BD walks to the Well with a flower & the Match

BD: I walk to the Sacred Well
Hallowed with the water of 9 sacred Rites
May this Holy Water cleanse this place and these people.

BD sprinkles water in air with flower.

5. DEFINE THE SACRED CENTER—"ALL IS ONE" PRAYER.

DX: Please join hands
All is One,
Originally, Essentially, Eventually
All is One

DO: We stand at the Center of the Worlds
At the Center of Space
At the Center of Time.

DX: By the power of the Tree, the Well, and the Fire
This Sacred Space is now Purified and Holy.
The Nyfed is Consecrated.

D. DEVOTION

1. HONOR DÔN

DO lights a long match from Fire and then lights green Lamp on left side. Spread arms and look toward the Earth

Glorious Dôn, our First Mother,
Queen of Annwfn, Earth's Delight,
Child's Nurse and Womb of Wisdom,
Gentle comforter of the Night.

You are represented here by Brigedd's Well,
Charged with Water from nine sacred Rites.

DO picks up a Hazelnut from Altar

I offer you this gift of a Hazelnut
to represent the Wisdom that you send us,
And to thank You for being with us, as always.

DO puts Hazelnut in Well

2. HONOR AN DAGDA

DX lights a long match from fire and then lights red lamp on right side. Spreads arms and looks toward the Sky, and says:

Great An Dagda, our First Father,
King of Annwn, Heaven's Might
Druid's Master, Seed of Wisdom
Glorious, Mighty, God of Light.

DX picks up bottle of oil from Altar

I offer you this gift of rare Spanish olive oil
To feed your fire and burn it bright
And to thank you for being with us, as always.

DX pours oil into Fire. DX & DO return to their places

3. INVOKING THE GATEKEEPER MANAWYDDAN SON OF LLŶR AND OPEN THE GATES.

Conducted by the Archdruid

Manawydan ap Llyr, brother of Bran and Branwen,
Faithful friend of Pryderi and Husband of Rhiannon,
King of the Sea, Patron of voyagers,
Open the Gates between the Worlds, we pray to you.
Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts
to the Realms of the Mighty Kindred,
So we may Commune with You and be Blessed.
Manawydan, by your Will
May the Gates be Opened!

4. INVOKING THE KINDRED

NS: Spirits of Nature, the Sidhe, and the Fey,
I reach across the Veil with my words, And call to You.
Spirits of the Animals, Bird and Beast, Fish and Fowl,
I call you into this Sacred Soil.
Spirits of the Plants, Sacred and ancient Trees,
I call you into this Sacred Soil.
Spirits of the Land, Earth, Water, Air and Fire,
I call you into this Sacred Soil.
I call you with the stones of the mountain tops.
I call you with the sand of the long, white beaches,
I call you with the loam of the ancient forests,
I bid you: Enter this Soil now!
That we may be Blessed, Guided and Inspired
By our Communion with you. Felly y Bydded!

All: Felly y Bydded!

NS: Please accept this offering of Emmer Wheat kernels.

AS walks to the Central Altar and picks up Ancestor bowl & mat

AS: Walk to the Well, then turn and face the Center
Mothers and Fathers, Old Ones, and Ancestors,
I reach across the Veil with my words, And call to You.
Mothers and Fathers of our Families, Parents of our Parent's Parents,
I call you into this Sacred Water.

Old Ones of this Land, Loving Tribes of Caretakers,
I call you into this Sacred Water.
Ancestors of our Culture, Ancient worshippers of our Gods,
I call you into this Sacred Water.
I call you with the water of the deep blue oceans,
I call you with the water of the gentle rains,
I call you with the water of the darkest wells.
I bid you: Enter this Water now! That we may be Blessed, Guided and Inspired
By our Communion with you. Felly y Bydded!

All: Felly y Bydded!

AS: Please accept this offering of a piece of silver.

GS walks to the Central Altar and picks up Incense bowl & bottle of Incense

GS: Walk to the Fire, then turn and face the Center
Bright and Shining Gods and Goddesses,
I reach across the Veil with my words, And call to You.
Spirit of the Divine that creates and pervades everything, Infinite, Joyous, Eternal,
I acknowledge you in this Sacred Air.
Spirits of the Mother and Father of the Gods, Glorious Don and Great An Dagda,
I worship you in this Sacred Air.
Spirits of all the Gods and Goddesses:
Most especially Brigedd and Llew, Rhiannon and Cernunnos,
I honor you in this Sacred Air.
I call you with our memories of the past.
I call you with our desires for the present.
I call you with our vision of the future.
I humbly bid you: "Sanctify this Air for us, if you please!"
That we may be Blessed, Guided and Inspired
By our Communion with you. Felly y Bydded!

All: Felly y Bydded!

GS: Please accept this offering of rare incense.

DX walks over and stands in center of 3 Gate Wardens. NS anoints DX, saying:
With this Soil, Celebrate your Communion With the Spirits of Nature.

AS anoints DX, saying:
With this Water, Celebrate your Communion With the Ancestors.

GS anoints DX, saying:
With this Air, Celebrate your Communion With the Gods.

DX takes Cauldron of Earth and anoints AS, GS, and NS. Returning Cauldron of Earth to GS when finished. DX takes Cauldron of Water and anoints GS, NS, and AS. Returning Cauldron of Water to WGW when finished. DX takes Cauldron of Air and anoints NS, AS, GS. Returning Cauldron of Air to GS when finished. GWs separate to three places in the Circle and begin anointing the people.

DX leads people in chant:
Mighty Ones, Noble Ones, Shining Ones,

Come to us now!

When GWs complete the Circle, they return bowls to Altar.

4. CALL MATH

ND goes to Central Altar and picks up the Wand of Math

Please face the North

I, _____descendent of _____, am the Wand of Math.

Math ap Mathonwy, Master Magician

Brother of Don and Uncle of Gwydion.

Join us Math and fill us with Wisdom, Sight and Magic!

Place wand back on Altar

5. CALL BRIGEDD

ED goes to Central Altar and picks up the Chalice

Please face the East

I, _____descendent of _____, hold the Chalice of Brigedd.

Brigedd the Healer, Brigedd the Inspirer, Brigedd the Hearth-keeper.

Join us Brigedd, and fill us with Health, Inspiration and Love!

Put Chalice back down

6. CALL LLEU

SD goes to Central Altar and picks up the Sword of Llew

Please face the South

I, _____descendent of _____, hold the Sword of Llew.

Llew Llaw Gyffes -- the Bright One with the Deft Hand,

Llew the Many Skilled, Llew the Long Arm,

Join us Llew and fill us with Passion, Skill and Joy!"

Put Sword back down

7. CALL RHIANNON

WD goes to Central Altar and picks up the Sickle of Rhiannon

Please face the West

I, _____descendent of _____, hold the Sickle of Rhiannon.

Rhiannon, the Great Mother, mother of Pryderi,

Rhiannon, the Harvester, Rhiannon, Goddess of Fertility.

Place sickle on Altar

E. AWEN O'DUWIAU OF RHIANNON

1. CALLING RHIANNON INTO CHANNELER.

Chanting of Awen. When Rhiannon has entered the channeler, the selected people will robe her and place the torc on her. DX offers hospitality, conducts interview. Here, hospitality will include the winning mead and pie of the day's contests.

2. OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES

GS: Welcome to the Shining Gods and Goddesses of Nyfed Ddar Goch!
Welcome to the Noble Ancestors and the Mighty Tylwyth Teg!
Welcome to all those Called by these people.
Welcome to all of you: Family, Friends and Guests!
To all those who have gathered by our Fire,

we invite you to join us now in worshipping our Matrons and Patrons
of this holy Rite with gifts of our labor, our love and our praise.
Let's lift up our voices in praise
and let the Fire, the Well and the Tree carry our gifts to our Beloved Kindred!

Nod to the person standing to your left

3. FINAL OFFERINGS, PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE.

DX: Are there any other praise offerings?

4. THE WATERS OF LIFE

DX prepares Waters of Life

DX: Everyone, please direct your energy and love into this goblet
Take the Awe you hold for Nature
The honor and respect you hold for your Ancestors
And the Worship you hold for your Gods
And pour them into this Goblet.

Rhiannon, you have received our gifts and praises. We offer them to you unconditionally

DO: And yet you have taught us that a gift begets a gift and that you Bless us when we Praise you.
Therefore, we ask you to send your Blessings to us, and to especially bless these Waters

Deities Bless the goblets.

DX: This is Whisky, charged with tinctures of Oak and Mistletoe, our sacred plants.
Behold! The Waters of Life!

DO: The Waters of Life!

DX gives to DO - She drinks - gives back - He drinks

DO: This is pure water, charged with the water of nine sacred Rites.
Behold! The Waters of Life!

DX: The Waters of Life!

DO gives to DX - He drinks - gives back - She drinks

DX: When we share a drink with the Gods we remind ourselves that we are always sharing their
Blessings. Accept their Blessings in Love and Gratitude!

Share the Waters of Life

5. ASK RHIANNON WHAT HER BLESSINGS ARE.

6. FINAL CHAT WITH RHIANNON, ASK FOR RHIANNON TO BRING BACK CHANNELER.

XD assists Channeler, provide water and carrots for Channeler.

F. FAREWELLS

1-4. THANK SEASONAL DEITIES

WD walks to the Central Altar, picks up the Sickle of Rhiannon, then faces West

Please face the West
I face the West, Oh Great Rhiannon,
And Autumn's rich abundant land.
I'm thankful for your precious prizes.
You cut down life, new life arises.
As day is done, with jobs complete,
Projects finished or cut short
It's time to stop and gather up,
I'm grateful for your gifts to me.

Lower Sickle and face the Altar

SD walks to the Central Altar, picks up the Sword of Llew, then faces South

Please face the South.
I face the South, Oh, Skillful Llew.
The Summer's sunshine is your gaze.
Your bright, hot fires ignite my passion.
Like a well-made Knife, joyfully used.
At midday now, I feel your joy,
For jobs to do, rewards to earn,
To do my best and better still,
I'm happy now to play and learn.

Lower Sword and face the Altar

ED walks to the Central Altar, picks up the Chalice of Bri, then faces East

Please face the East.
I face the East, oh Brilliant Bri
The kiss of Spring is your sweet daughter.
Your healing love pours over me,
Like a Cup of cool, refreshing water.
As new day dawns I feel your love,
With promises of new beginnings,
New ways to serve and new rewards,
I'm filled with fresh anticipation.

Lower Chalice and face the Altar

ND walks to the Central Altar, picks up the Wand of Math, then faces North

Please face the North
I face the North, oh Master Math,
Sharp and crisp as Winter's night.
Lead me down your magic path -
Teach me how to guide my Sight.
At Midnight with no light to see,
Beliefs create reality.
Guide my Soul and set it free,
I'm filled with Spirit's mystery.

Lower Wand and face the Altar

All 4 Invokers raise their tools and say, in unison:

Thank you for attending our Rite.

Put tools down on Altar

We bid You Farewell and Bright Blessings!"

All: Farewell and Bright Blessings!

5-7. THANK THE KINDRED

GS takes a step toward center of Circle and says:

Bright and Shining Gods and Goddesses,

We thank you for sanctifying our Rite,

And for Blessing us, Guiding us and Inspiring us, as always.

We Love, Honor and Respect You,

And we bid You, 'Farewell and Bright Blessings'!

All: Farewell and Bright Blessings!

AS takes a step toward center of Circle and says

Mothers and Fathers, Old Ones, and Ancestors,

We thank you for attending our Rite,

And for Blessing us, Guiding us and Inspiring us, as always.

We Love, Honor and Respect You,

And we bid You, 'Farewell and Bright Blessings'

All: Farewell and Bright Blessings!

NS takes a step toward center of Circle and says

Spirits of Nature, the Sidhe, and the Fey,

We thank you for attending our Rite,

And for Blessing us, Guiding us and Inspiring us, as always.

We Love, Honor and Respect You,

And we bid You, 'Farewell and Bright Blessings'

All: Farewell and Bright Blessings!

8. THANK MISING

Performed by the NS

Mising, and all the Spirits of Nature

Thank you for attending our Rite.

We bid you Farewell and Bright Blessings!"

9. THANK MANAWYDDAN & CLOSE GATE

Performed by the Archdruid.

Manawydan, son of Llyr, brother of Bran and Branwen,

Faithful friend of Pryderi and Husband of Rhiannon,

We thank you for your Divine assistance,

And ask you to now close the Gates between the Worlds.

(Say these next lines with FORCE!)

Manawydan, by your Will

May the Gates be Closed!

10. & 11. HONOR AN DAGDA & DÔN

DX & DO pick up the Oil Lamps

DX: Forceful Father

DO: Receptive Mother

Both: We are One.

Blow out Lamps & Hug

Both: Felly y Bydded!

All: Felly y Bydded!

12. ENDING CHANT: “WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE OAK”

13. FINAL BENEDICTION

DX: People of the Oak, Friends of the Earth, Children of the Mother,

Go now, in peace and with the blessings of the Kindred.

The Rite is ended! Felly y Bydded!

All: Felly y Bydded!

FT throws powder onto Fire

14. BD: MUSICAL SIGNAL

END OF RITUAL