

LUGHNASSADH

**Ritual written & led by Tidalwolf on
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Brigid: "Brigid, Great Goddess of corn and grain. We call to you to celebrate Lughnassadh with us this evening, join us and share the fruits of our harvest. Brigid you have watched over and protected our hops and our crops, come to us now so we may give you praise and our thanks for your long labour of love."

All: "Hail and welcome!"

Lugh: "Lugh of the Long Hand, son of Ethlinn. We call to you, come and join us in your festival. Lugh master of many arts, come and reside in our hearts. "

All: "Hail and welcome!"

Tidalwolf: "We will now call four great sorcerers from the four great cities that were on four great northern islands, from which the Tuatha De Danann studied and learned occult lore, sorcery, druidic arts and magical skill."

Uiscias: faces east and holds the sword aloft and says "Mighty Uiscias, teacher of the great Nuadhu of the Silver Arm, in the magical city of Findias, come forth and watch over us and protect us with your mighty sword."

All: "Hail and Welcome!"

Tidalwolf: "Out of the otherworld mists a great warrior comes, He approaches our circle and turns his back to us, with sword in hand he watches for anyone or anything that may try to approach our circle."

Place the sword on the perimeter of the circle

Estras: facing south holding the spear level and say "Mighty Estras, teacher of the powerful Lugh of the long arm, in the magical city of

Gorias, come forth and watch over us and protect us with your Mighty Spear."

All: "Hail and Welcome!"

Tidalwolf: "Out of the otherworld mists a great warrior comes, He approaches our circle and turns his back to us, and he levels his spear ready to repel all unwelcomed visitors."

Place the spear on the perimeter of the circle

Semias: facing west holding out the banta fighting stick then say "Mighty Semias, teacher of the Good God, the Daghdha, in the magical city of Murias, come forth and watch over us and protect us with your fearsome banta fighting stick."

All: "Hail and Welcome!"

Tidalwolf: "Out of the otherworld mists a great warrior comes, He approaches our circle and turns his back to us, He holds the banta fighting stick in both hands and squats down, watching the west for unwelcomed visitors"

Place the banta fighting stick on the perimeter of the circle

Morfesa: facing North and holding the sling say "Mighty Morfesa, teacher of us all and instructor to the high king in the magical city of Falias, come forth and watch over us and protect us with your death dealing sling."

All: "Hail and Welcome! "

Tidalwolf: "Out of the otherworld mists a great warrior comes, He approaches our circle and turns his back to us, with his hefty sling in one hand and a satchel of boulders on his belt he watches the North ready to hurl a death-dealing stone at anyone foolish enough to approach this now sealed and well protected circle."

Place the sling on the perimeter of the circle.

Tidalwolf: "We ask for the blessings of Air, Mighty powers of Air which blows and flows,

clear away darkness and unwanted things which clings to us all.”

Walk the circle with air

“We ask for the blessings of Fire, Mighty powers of Fire which burn and consume all that is dead and no longer needed, Burn away now all that is not wanted or needed.”

Walk the circle with Fire

“We ask for the blessings of Water, Mighty powers of Water wash and cleanse and carry away the dirt and blockages which stop the flow of our being.”

Walk the circle with water

“We ask for the blessings of Earth, Mighty powers of Earth, shake and shudder breakdown all that has become decayed and out-dated, create nourishment for new life. ”

Walk the circle with Earth

Tidalwolf: “Blessed are we that receive the bounty of the harvest, blessed be our Mother Danu whom provided the fertile earth in which the crops grow, Blessed be Brighid whose seeds took root that we now sow, Blessed be Lugh who gave the power of the sun to give our crops strength. As Lugh gives way to autumn we are reminded of his lesson of three, we are taught of life, death and rebirth. As we go around with the wheel of life we give thanks to Mother Danu, Brighid and Lugh.”

ALL: “We give thanks.”

Tidalwolf: “Let us now share this Harvest and hear a story of Lugh.”

Morfesa: facing north holding the sling say “Great Morfesa, we thank you for coming and protecting us. Go now and return to your great city of Falias with our thanks and gratitude.”

All: “Hail and Farewell!”

Semias: facing west holding the banta fighting stick say “Great Semias, we thank you for coming and protecting us. Go now and return to your great city of Murias with our thanks and gratitude.”

All: “ Hail and farwell!”

Estras: Facing south holding the spear say “Great Estras, we thank you for coming and protecting us. Go now and return to your great city of Gorias with our thanks and gratitude.”

All: “Hail and Farewell!”

Uiscias: “Great Uiscias, we thank you for coming and protecting us. Go now and return to your great city of Findias with our thanks and gratitude.”

All: “Hail and Farewell!”

Lugh: “Lugh Great god of the sun and light, we thank you for joining us tonight and wish you harmony and love, Return to where you came from with our thanks and gratitude.”

ALL: “Hail and Farewell!”

Brighid: “Brighid Great Goddess of corn and grain, we thank you for joining us tonight and wish you harmony and love, Return to where you came from with our thanks and gratitude.”

ALL: “ Hail and Farewell!”

Note: The calling of the four great sorcerers was adapted from the book, "Magic of the Celtic Otherworld", by Steven Blamires.