

# Lughnasadh 2012

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Lughnasadh is the celebration of the first fruits of the harvest. It is considered a time of Thanksgiving and the first of three Pagan Harvest Festivals, when the plants of Spring wither and drop their fruits or seeds for our use as well as to ensure future crops. The first fruits and grains of the Earth are cut and stored for the dark Winter months. The Sun King, now Dark Lord, gives his energy to the crops to ensure life while the Mother prepares to give way to her aspect as the Crone.

Lughnasadh is the celebration and a way to rejoice over the fruits of your labour. It is a time to consider whether your result has equalled your efforts. It is the time to teach what you have learned, to share the fruits of your achievements with the world. It is time to pause and open oneself to the change of the Season and new possibilities.

The ideals of Leo and Aquarius come into their fullest expression at the Full Moon. As an individual, how fully are you expressing your life purpose?

This upcoming full moon brings to a climax the events that have been swirling around in our lives recently. Times of change are upon us and we must adapt as best we can. Old habits are often difficult to break, but when we do, our lives get unstuck and begin to progress.

## **Brigid**

Brigid is a Triple Goddess. The Bridgets were sisters and the distinctions between them were based on their domains of responsibility. Brigid, the 'Fire of the Hearth', was the goddess of fertility, family, childbirth and healing. Brigid, the 'Fire of the Forge', was like the Greek goddess Athena, a patroness of the crafts (especially weaving,

embroidery, and metal smithing), and a goddess who was concerned with justice and law and order. Brigid, the 'Fire of Inspiration', was the muse of poetry, song, history, and the protector of all cultural learning.

## **Lugh**

The name Lugh means "light". He is the Child of the Sun. Lugh is also the God of grain harvests, of crafting, metallurgy, grains & breads, looms, and fire. Lugh is known as a defender of the people, especially those who may be threatened by the forces of Nature. Lugh's Spear is the flash of Light which pierces the Darkness. He is Energy. He is a Sun God and God of the Sky and of Lightening, as well as God of Death and Rebirth. He is Mage, Alchemist and Sorcerer. Lugh teaches us not to fight battles out of anger, but to fight for causes that are just and right. He teaches us to honour our promises and our oaths.

## **The Ritual**

We enter the sacred space as a group drumming, dancing, rattling.

We go around the altar widdershins - antisunwise, reflecting upon and contemplating on the fruits of our labour, and ritually letting go of the past with ease. As we pace forward we name and shout aloud our good fortune in gratitude and joy. Our words have power and coupled with the music we build a cone of power.

*Cast the circle* – By the power of the Dragons may this circle be blessed, cleansed and sanctified.

## **East**

Hail to the Dragons of the East  
Ancient Masters of the Air  
Into this circle we summon you  
That you may join us in celebration  
May your Divine breath carry us  
Inspire our contemplation  
Hail and Welcome

## **North**

Hail to the Dragons of the North  
Ancient Masters of Fire  
Into this circle we summon you  
That you may join us in celebration  
May your vitality ignite, inspire  
Lead and link us to divine desire  
Hail and Welcome

## West

Hail to the Dragons of the west  
Ancient Masters of Water  
Into this circle we summon you  
That you may join us in celebration  
May streams of pristine wetness cleanse us  
Quench outmoded thoughts, refresh us  
Hail and Welcome

## South

Hail to the Dragons of the South  
Ancient Masters of Earth  
Into this circle we summon you  
That you may join us in celebration  
With steady clarity you guide our purpose  
Into this moment you ground our focus  
Hail and Welcome

## Invocation to Brigid

*(The 3 Brigids Together)*

Holy water, Sacred flame  
Brigit we invoke your name  
Bless our minds and bless our hearts  
Source of healing, song and arts.  
On this full moon night we draw near  
Your eternal words we long to hear  
Lady Brigid, may we ever seek your ways.  
Welcome

## Invocation to Lugh

Fearless and wise warrior  
Lugh we invoke your name  
Lord of lightning, fire, Sun,  
Defender and protector of the fields and grain  
In humility and honour we succumb to thee  
May you always guard and light the way  
Welcome

*All Together*

We stand in unity,  
And in our power,  
In perfect love and perfect trust  
We surrender our hearts this witching hour  
So mote it Be!

*All sit*

*The Three Brigids to the altar*

We are Brigid Three in one  
Shining power of the sun  
In this hour we bring forth  
Rest and beauty - healing all

As your hearts have drawn you near  
Now is the time - release your fears  
By the power of creation  
The Divine Eternal flame  
I hereby accept these fruits of labour  
Be blessed, Be blessed, I say  
It is time  
I now bring forth  
Inspiration, beauty, love to all  
Within my power lays the law  
I say - be free my kin, Be free  
Go forth empowered  
So mote it Be

The Three Brigids go around the circle and share  
the Blessed cider, fruits, nuts and charms.

..... Meditation .....

## God

By the Holy rays of the Sun,  
We thank you for guiding our hands  
Enlightening our Thoughts and Will  
Hail and farewell

## Goddess

By the Holy water and Sacred flame,  
We thank you for your blessing and healing  
Hail and farewell

## South

Dragons of the South  
Masters of Earth  
Thank you for joining us in celebration  
For grounding our thoughts  
And guiding our purpose  
Hail and farewell

## West

Dragons of the West  
Masters of Water  
Thank you for joining us in celebration  
For pristine waters that have cleansed  
Quenched outmoded thoughts, refreshed us  
Hail and farewell

## North

Dragons of the North  
Masters of Fire  
Thank you for joining us in celebration  
For the vitality that has linked and inspired us  
With your Divine desire  
Hail and farewell

## **East**

Dragons of the East  
Masters of the Air  
Thank you for joining us in celebration  
For your guiding breath  
That brought us to this moment  
And inspired our contemplation  
Hail and farewell

May this circle be open but unbroken  
May the peace of the Goddess be ever in our  
hearts.  
Merry Meet and Merry Part  
And Merry Meet again.