



Three Cranes Grove, ADF, presents
The Druid Sunday Service
at the 2026 Dublin Irish Festival



Today we celebrate Lúnasa, the festival of the gathering of the tribes established by Lugh, for whom it is named. It commemorates the sacrifices of our ancestors and of the deities, especially of Lugh's foster-mother, Tailtiu, who gave her life's labor to create our place in the world.

Lughnasadh is also, traditionally, the first of the harvest festivals. We typically do not "pass the plate" at our events; instead, please consider making a donation to the Dublin Food Pantry by checking in with any of our ritual team or Grove members after the service: we hope that you will share the bounty of your good harvest with others.

Thank you for celebrating with us!

Three Cranes Grove is a local congregation of Ár nDraíocht Féin: A Druid Fellowship (ADF). We warmly invite you to come to another of our rites or events; if you would like to learn more about what we do, please chat with us afterward!

You can find ritual and event schedules, as well as more information about our Grove generally, at threecranes.org and you can learn more about ADF Druidry at adf.org

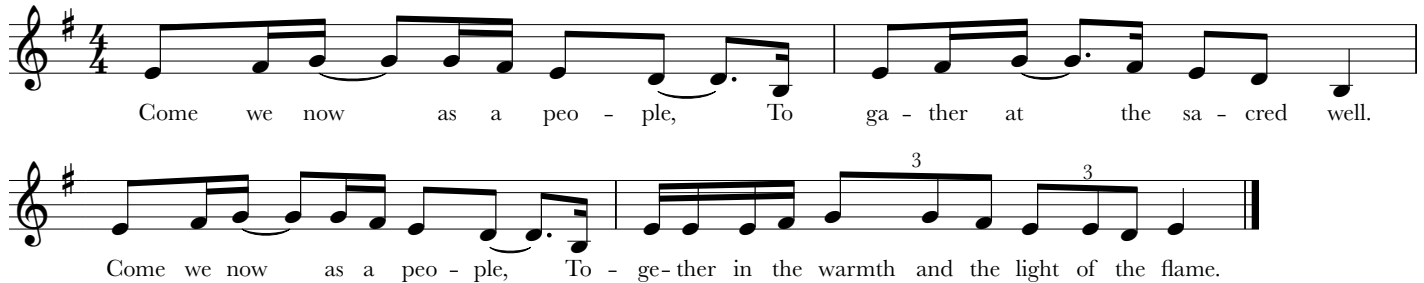
You are also invited to our Summerland Festival near Yellow Springs, Aug. 13-16. Pre-registration closes Aug. 9, but both weekend registration and day passes are also available onsite. You can find more information about Summerland at threecranes.org/summerland/



Order of Service

Establishing Sacred Space

Processional: "Come We Now As a People," Ian Corrigan



Purification

Opening Prayer

Inviting the Earth Mother

Inviting Brigid to Inspire Us

Our Purpose & Precedent for the Rite

Attunement to the Space: "Cosmology Prayer," Ceiswr Serith

The waters support and surround us,
The land extends about us,
The sky stretches out above us.
At our center burns a living flame.

May all the Kindreds bless us.
May our worship be true.
May our actions be just.
May our love be pure.
Blessings, honor, and worship to the Holy Ones.

Recreation of the Cosmos: *A Gaelic Creation Story*

Inviting the Gatekeeper, Manannán mac Lir

Opening the Gates Between Worlds

Offerings

Inviting the Ancestors, Nature Spirits, and Shining Ones

Inviting Tailtiu, Patron of Our Rite: "Lay Your Hand to the Plow," Mike Bierschenk

Lay your hand to the scythe, And your hand to the plow. Ga-ther ox-en to fur-row the ground.

And be-neath the broad sun, You will bring forth a gar-den To sus-tain you through all the year round.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves of music with lyrics written below the notes.

Prayer of Sacrifice: "The Offering Song," Anthony R. Thompson and Ian Corrigan

May our voi-ces a-rise on the fi-re. May our voi-ces re-sound in the deep.

May the spi-rits ac-cept what we of-fer As we ho-nor the old ways we keep.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music with lyrics written below the notes.

The Return Flow

Taking an Omen

The Waters of Life: "Blessings in the Waters," Traci Auerbach

May the pow-er of the Kin-dred be shown to me. May the O-mens and the Bles-sings be

shown through me. May the Bles-sings in the Wa-ters fill my soul. May the

Wis-dom of the Kin-dred make me whole.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics written below the notes.

Story: The Coming of the Tuatha Dé Danann to Ireland, and the Sacrifice of Tailtiu

Thanks and Farewells

Thanking Those We Have Called

Closing the Gates

Thanking Brigid and the Earth Mother

Recessional: "Go With The Fire," Mike Bierschenk

Go with the light of the fire in-side you. Go with the might of the gods to guide you.

Go with the an-ces-tors be-side you. Go with the fire.

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