

The Old Holidays

The Druid's and friends of CedarLight Grove invite you to join us as we gather for worship during each of our eight high Holidays of the Old Ways . Our High Rites celebrate the flow of Spirit through our lives, pulsing with the rhythms of Earth's returning seasons, and the turning tides of the Sun's year.

We hold Our High Rites during the 'tween times at sunset, on the Saturday closest to the traditional High Holiday. We mark the date for the traditional holiday's according to the elder solar calendar in preference to the Calendar of Pope Gregory that is in more common use today. We date the four holidays of the Sun at the Solstice and the Equinox crossings. We date the four holidays of Earth at the traditional-cross quarter or fire days that fall midway between solar quarters.

As Druid's in spiritual service to the wider Pagan circle of Earth's family, we conduct our celebrations freely and with an open welcome to all who come to share in our honoring of the Old Ways. Our celebration of the High Rites are part of the service we do in worship for the OldOnes, for Earth, and for all who are our Kindred in Her family. We ask of those who chose to worship with us, only that they truly come with spiritual intent, and with hearts open to honoring Earth and the

OldOnes. Our ways bring harm to none. We ask naught of any, but those who may find our ways disturbing. Cf such, we ask only that they leave us to our prayers in peace even as we wish for them peace in which to pray.

We come together to celebrate the High Rites in the sanctuary we've established out-of-doors at CedarLight Center in Baltimore. There we gather amidst the mysteries of the Well, the Fire and the Tree. Both the foci of our sanctuary now, and held sacred by druids for millennia, these three, betoken a place where all the worlds meet and the powers flow together. Through the Well and the Fire and the Tree the glory of Spirit's power flows, bringing the wonder and the magic of our most sacred encounters with the OldOnes.

Accompanied children and teens are always welcome, and often present during our High Rites. Welcome, too, are all with special needs or who desire accommodations for unique abilities or limitations. Please let us know a little ahead so we've time to arrange for your more comfortable participation. Some find our common practice of out-of-doors worship a bit rigorous or tiring as we often prefer standing or sitting, nestled snug to Earth's broad bosom throughout our rite.

In keeping with ADF practice, CedarLight's celebrations of the High Rites begin with a pre-ritual introduction. We take a few minutes before moving into our sanctuary to sketch the outlines of our liturgical forms We want you to more fully participate in and so benefit from the flow of Spirit through our worship. Even if you know little of our ways when you arrive, you will be able to fully join in our worship. While your participation requires no special training or experience, you'll likely find your first holidays with us more enriching if you do become a little familiar with the ADF ritual lore before hand.

Celebrating Diversity!

As Druids of the ADF School, CedarLight Grove's ~community practices arise from the images and lore of our Indo-European heritage. We learn principally the wisdom of the Paleo-Celtic and Greco-Roman Nations. Even so, we extend a welcome to those of all faiths, beliefs and traditions who join with us in knowing the beautiful diversity alive in the Natural Religions of today. Over the years, our friends and members have come from many of the traditions known throughout Earth's family including Wiccan, Catholic, Protestant, Keltrian Druid, Jewish, Faerie, Buddhist, Co-Creationist, Asatru,

Norse, and many eclectic combinations of the whole.

We find a great treasure in this diversity contributed by the many who've shared with us whether for one ritual, or for many. If we hold any one thread in common, it is our unique differences. We work together, that each one may discover arising from within themselves, and so to be reflected within the community a vibrant and meaningful spiritual experience. We help each other manifest this blossoming of spirit into our lives. Thus we empower ourselves to more fully participate in our modern world.

People find their ways into the CedarLight community through many paths and for many reasons. Some come to study and practice our knowledge of the Druid's Way and to explore their paleo-Celtic Heritage. Others come to share in our worship and to experience of the Natural Religions in our open, Pantheist community. And others, preferring solitary expressions of their spiritual experience, come for the simple and warm fellowship of our pagan society.

The Rites Of Caffiena

CedarLight Grove celebrates our community spirit with more than just our traditional High Rites at the

holidays. We invite you, too, to our Rites of Caffiena held weekly on Sunday morning. We meet regularly at CedarLight Center, with occasional field trips and excursions to specially selected sites. Caffiena's Rites vary casually with the mood of the day, with the seasons, and with the vagaries of the OldOnes whim.

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