

Nine Muses



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Invites you to a Dance Benefit
and CD Release Party for

Lora Cain's **Choose Love**

Saturday, September 29th, 7-10 PM, \$15
Church On Ocean Park
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**For information about Temple of the Goddess go to:
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Celebrating the Seasons:

Autumn Equinox

September 15, 2007



Autumn Equinox Ritual

Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Anaam – Kirtan Devotional Music & Chanting
Ananda, Eric Layer, Mara Hesed, Duke Novak, Prabhu Prakash
Place an offering on the Harvest Altar and take an envelope & seeds to represent the dream-seeds you will be nurturing for next Spring's planting.

Harvest Processional - *Lammas* (Autumn Equinox) by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir
Temple Musicians: David Jacks, Ananda, Howard Hansen, Chokae'
Harvest Mother: Kamala
Persephone, Joyous Daughter of Demeter: Isabella D'Agneica
Light & Dark Dancers of Equinox: Lora Cain, Phil Page

Welcoming & Invocation – Xia & Chokae'

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Read by Temple Young People, Lighting Altar Candles – Xia

Casting the Circle

Zero by Wendy Rule
Sung by T'Lark Galeas with Ananda & Temple Musicians
Choreography: Inanna
East Anne & Lianna
South Briana & Lora
West Karen & Sara
North Kathleen & Stevie
Center Pythia
Zero-Spirit Dancers: Haize, Inanna, Zach, Kathryn

Beauty Before Me Traditional Navajo Prayer

Audience Led by Rev. Karen Tate
In beauty I walk.
With beauty before me, I walk.
With beauty behind me, I walk.
With beauty above and about me, I walk.
Beauty is all around me
As I walk, I walk with Beauty.

Shine by Wendy Rule

Sung by Ananda
Viola: Kathryn Payne
Keyboard: RA
Dance & Choreography: Haize Rosen

Facilitators & Musicians

Ananda	Anne Gauldin
Briana Murray	Chokae'
David Jacks	Howard Hansen
Isabella D'Agneica	Jean Rogers
Jeaninne Payne	Kamala
Karen Tate	Kathleen Forrest
Kathryn Payne	Lianna Nakashima
Lora Cain	Marcella Lentz-Pope
Nichole Howey	Pat Lentz
Patrick Humphreys	Phil Page
Pythia	Ruth Ann Anderson
Sara Engelman	Sherry Howey
Stevie St. John	T'lark Galeas
Witchhaizel	Zachary Tatum-Nolan

Xia

Temple of the Goddess Choir

Anne Gauldin	Jean Rogers
Jeaninne Payne	Kathleen Forrest
Kathryne Payne	MaLisa Martin
Lianna Nakashima	Nichole Howey
Sherry Howey	T'Lark Galeas

Choir Director: Ananda

Assistant Choir Director: Nichole Howey

Guitar: David Jacks

Music Directors: Ananda & David Jacks

Ritual Art Director: Ruth Ann Anderson

Altar Artists: Ruth Ann Anderson & Kathleen Forrest

Lighting: Briana Murray, Alex Endrenyi

Special Effects: Alex Endrenyi

Costumes & Masks: Ruth Ann Anderson & Sara Engelman

Yin-Yang Balance Beam: Scott Howey

Mystical Charms: Sherry Howey, Kim Wilson, Jean Rogers,
Nichole Howey, Diego Serratos

Recording Artists: Roy Tate, Les Nakashima

Mystical Charm Stone Energy Associations

Young/Old: Energy associated with Youth is innocence, dreams, and newness. Citrine is for the mind, increasing psychic powers and opening the mind to new thoughts. Energy associated with Old is longevity, life lived to its fullest. Jade grants longevity and prosperity.

Intellect/Intuition: Energy associated with Intellect is reasoning and logical thinking. Gold Stone encourages a positive attitude and intellectually calms and refreshes. Energy associated with Intuition is of knowing, the ability to connect to one's inner guidance. Amethyst opens our psychic centers.

Birth/Death: Energy associated with Birth is of new beginnings, a fresh start. Moss Agate opens doors and was used by mid-wives to assist in successful birthing. Energy associated with Death is of fulfillment, a life of worth, a returning to the earth to repeat the cycle of life. Amber protects travelers and Egyptians placed it on mummies to keep the body whole forever.

Female/Male: Energy associated with Female is of nurturing, Yin energy, the bringer of life. Red Bamboo Coral symbolizes life and the blood force. Energy associated with Male is of physical strength, Yang energy, the seed of life. Sodalite balances male energy and stimulates endurance.

Matter/Spirit: Energy associated with Matter is of the literal, knowledge gained by the senses. Labradorite allows one to see through illusion to determine reality. Energy associated with Spirit is of imagination and perception, knowledge gained extra-sensory. It is of the heart. Rose Quartz is a stone of the heart as well as a love stone; universal, and a love of self.

Animal/Human: Energy associated with Animal is of primal urges, wild focus, determination, and Earthly protection. Tiger Eye focuses the mind and is a powerful stone of protection. Energy associated with Human is of wisdom, culture, home. Turquoise symbolizes the human bond of friendship and brings peace to the wearer.

I am the Gardener of my Life

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy
Call and Response (Text- Page 5)
Celebrant: Briana
People: **I am the Gardener of my life.**

Mabon (Autumn Equinox) by Lisa Thiel
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir
Choir Director: Ananda, Guitar: David Jacks

The Mystical Time of Twilight: A Myth of Balance by Xia

Directed by: Pat Lentz, *Soundscape*: Temple Musicians
Child of Duality: Patrick Humphreys
Harvest Mother: Kamala & Temple Serpents: Isis & Serapis
Serpent of Knowledge Puppet: by Christine Poplexis
Greek Chorus: Lora, Inanna, David, Jeaninne
Polarity Guardians: Dark - Zach, Light - Haize, Old/Young - Pythia,
Intellect/Intuition - Stevie, Birth/Death - Sherry, Female/Male - Kathryn,
Matter/Spirit - T'Lark, Animal/Human - Nichole

Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance

As the myth comes to an end you will be invited to join us in dance, in movement, in contemplation. Receive your Unity Necklace from the Child of Duality and visit with the Polarity Guardians who will offer you one of their *Charms of Remembrance* to aid you in your journey. Then go into the Garden of Wholeness where you can dance the dance of balance.

Sending Out Ritual Intentions - ALL

Gaelic Prayer by Lisa Thiel
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir
Choir Director: Ananda, Guitar: David Jacks

Communion

Lianna Nakashima - Communion Cookies
"We partake of Her body and give thanks in remembrance
of Her never-ending Circle of Life."

Opening the Circle

Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response
Celebrant: Ananda & Nichole
People: "Blessed Be You"

Offering Thanks

Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response
Celebrant: Ananda & Nichole
People: "We Remember You"

Lammas (Harvest Song)

by Lisa Thiel

Give thanks for the blessings, give thanks for the lessons
Give thanks for all that the Goddess Provides
Give thanks for this showing our dreams are now growing
Give thanks for the presence of the Goddess in our lives

Refrain:

Thank You, Thank you, O Great Mother Thank You . . .

With the first Green Corn our dreams are now taking form
We ask for the strength to see the true harvest born
Mother of the Corn, of Hoof, and of Horn
We thank you for the Bounty you've brought to our door
(refrain)

Mother of the Grain, of the Sun and of the Rain
We pray for an abundant Harvest again
We give thanks for the Blessings, give thanks for the lessons
We give thanks for all that the Goddess Provides
(refrain)

Mabon (Autumn Equinox) by Lisa Thiel

O now is the time of the Harvest,
As we draw near to the years end
Now is the time of Mabon
Autumn is the time to descend

Old Woman waits patiently for us
At the threshold of the labyrinth within
She offers her hand that we may understand
The treasures that await at journey's end

O Great Mother has given of Her body,
We give thanks for Her fruit and Her grain
We then clear the fields so that next harvest's yields
Will be full and abundant again.

Old Woman leads us through the darkness
Our most ancient and trusted of friends
She carries the light of spiritual insight
And leads us to our wisdom once again

And as we journey through the darkness
And as we continue to descend
We learn to let go of what obscures our soul
And re-discover our true being in the end

Zero by Wendy Rule

Rise softly Eastern sky
Gateway to an inner world
Open the day and close the night
And life will flow through you
Now I see before me swirling element of air
A purple sky to kiss the night goodbye and then
The winds of birth, of change, flow gently through my hair
All space is Here All time is Now
Zero/Spirit

So burn brightly Southern sky
Summer blue and glorious
A zenith sun ignites your eye
And fire flows through you
Now I feel before me warming mind and soul and skin
The cosmic fire fuels the fire deep within
With wand in hand beneath the summer flames I'll sing
All space is Here All time is Now
Zero/Spirit

Melt slowly western sky
Back drop to this shadow world
All life is danced before your eyes
And birds, they cut through you.
Now I see before me curved horizon like a cup
To catch the twilight that the sky is giving up
And love and pain and hope and fear and joy erupt.
All space is Here All time is Now
Zero/Spirit

So shine coldly Northern sky
Winter night so beautiful
A waning moon, embroidered stars
To navigate the winter
Now I hear before me silence old and cold and clear
A hermit song, a sigh of earth, of pressing years
But winter sun you offer so much more than fear (yeah, yeah)
All space is Here All time is Now
Zero/Spirit

So cosmic Universe, spiraling here with us,
Everything you know. Sky above and earth below.
Open each door and the elements four
will join hands, and they'll dance.
They'll join hands, and they'll dance
they'll join hands, and they'll dance in a zero
Zero, spirit, zero, spirit

Gaelic Prayer

by Lisa Thiel

Thou art the joy of all joyous things
Thou art the light of the ray of the sun
Thou art the door that is open and welcome
Thou art the surpassing star of guidance
Thou art the step of the deer on the hill
Thou art the stride of the steed on the plain
Thou art the grace of the swan in spring
Thou art the beauty of hawk on the wind

Unity of Opposites

by Xia

You are the light. - I am the dark.
I am the light. - You are the dark.
I am the flame. - I am the breath that feeds the flame.
I am the ebb. - I am the flow.
I am the seed seeking the light. - I am the nurturing dark of the soil.
I am the sun. - I am the moon.
I am man. - I am woman.
I am Yang. - I am Yin.



I am the Son of the Goddess. - I am the Mother of the God.
I am the dark. - You are the light.
You are the light. - I am the dark.
As above. - So below.
As within. - So without.
All truths are half-truths. - All paradoxes are reconciled.
Life is the dance of balance. - Life is the dance of balance.
Come dance the dance of balance. - Come dance the dance of balance.

I am the Gardener of my Life

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy
Call and Response

Celebrant: Briana

People: **I am the Gardener of my life.**

I am the Gardener of my life.
I plant the seeds of my desires.
I nurture the source of my dreams.
I am the Gardener of my life.

I am the Gardener of my life.
I plant the seeds of my desires
I cultivate the growth of all my hopes.
I am the Gardener of my life.

I am the Gardener of my life.
I plant the seeds of my desires
I discard the weeds of fear and limitation
that would block my emergence into the light.
I am the Gardener of my life.

I am the Gardener of my life.
I plant the seeds of my desires
I water the commitment to my highest aspirations.
I am the Gardener of my life.

I am the Gardener of my life.
I plant the seeds of my desires
I glean the lessons of my deepest growth.
I am the Gardener of my life.

I am the Gardener of my life.
I plant the seeds of my desires
I harvest the fruit of my work and dedication.
I am the Gardener of my life.

I am the Gardener of my life.
I nurture and protect the seeds of my heart.
I create my world with care and intention.
I am the Gardener of my life.

Guiding Principles Temple of the Goddess

- ◆ We believe that every person is the living embodiment of the Divine and a manifestation of Divine Immanence.
- ◆ We respect that every person is their own spiritual authority and no one can define the Sacred and Divine for any one else.
- ◆ We recognize that there are many paths to the Divine, symbolized by the many "goddesses" and "gods" of all cultures and all lands.
- ◆ We support an ideology and spirituality of partnership of relations based on equality, reciprocity, and caring as opposed to domination and control.
- ◆ Though we recognize the Divine in many forms, the focus of that which we call the Divine is manifested in the feminine as "Goddess".
- ◆ We respect and love Mother Earth, Gaia, as a sacred entity who is part of and connected to a vast living cosmos. We believe She is immanent in all of nature, life, and the cycles of life. We honor the interdependence of the web of all existence of which we are each a strand.
- ◆ We believe the loss of the feminine consciousness and ideologies have caused near irreparable damage to humanity and the planet; and we believe that emergence of the feminine consciousness, in balance with the masculine, is the greatest hope for humanity and the planet.
- ◆ The feminine consciousness is the ability to create, nurture and enhance life, and therefore respecting the feminine nature in all beings and in all aspects of life has the power to greatly enhance healing and our quality of life on this planet, and conversely, disrespecting the feminine has and can cause damage to all of life because of its interconnectedness.
- ◆ We accept the abundant goodness of creation which purports that all beings are meant to live in joy, love, and harmony.
- ◆ We believe in a morality and ethics in which the primary imperative is to harm none.

Temple of the Goddess Liturgy Call and Responses

Opening the Circle

Celebrant: Ananda

People: "**Blessed Be You**"

Spirits of Earth, the North
We honor your gifts
Blessed be You
Blessed Be You

Spirits of Water, the West
We honor your gifts
Blessed be You
Blessed Be You

Spirits of Fire, the South
We honor your gifts
Blessed be You
Blessed Be You

Spirits of Air, the East
We honor your gifts
Blessed Be You
Blessed Be You



Words by Ananda

Music: EPITAPH OF SEIKILOS

(Greek Skolion from a Greek grave stele from the first century CE)

Offering Thanks

Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response

Celebrant: Ananda

People: "**We Remember You**"

We offer our thanks
Our hopes and our dreams
To heal ourselves
To heal the Earth
We Remember You
We Remember You

In gratefulness
In thankfulness
To heal ourselves
To heal the Earth
We Remember You
We Remember You

Words by Ananda

Music: Classical Liturgy