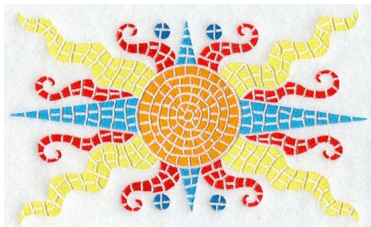


Tonight's myth and ritual centers on Pele, Hawaiian Goddess of fire, volcanoes, lightning, and dance. From the burning depth of Her molten lava, She offers us her mythic dance and story. Pele, whose spirit dwells in the volcanic crater of destruction and creation calls to us. On the longest day of the year, Pele invites us to dive into the mystery of life's churning chaos, surrender to the destruction of the known, and embrace the potential, the power, of the unknown. As you step into Her Cauldron of Purification, Pele's hot breath moves over you. Through you. Your doubts and fears burn away. The ashes falling into an offering at Her feet. Trans-form-ation.



Celebrating the Seasons:
Summer Solstice
June 20, 2009

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Pele  
by Bruce Harmon

# Summer Solstice Ritual

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## Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Go To Sun Altar – Hang Your Sun of Power & Hope

Music: Draevyn, Altar Priestess: Caitlin

## Opening - *Litha* (Summer Solstice) by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Goddess Choir with Temple Musical Ensemble

*Sun Dancer*: Ariel, *Offering of Fire*: Kamala

*Sun Goddess Puppet*: Created by Christine Papalexis

*Puppeteers*: Zach, Spencer, RA

## Welcome & Grounding – Morfreyja & Xia

## Casting the Circle

*Elemental Chant* by Wendy Rule

Sung by Ananda, Temple Musical Ensemble

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| East   | Mnajdra & Lianna |
| South  | Stevie           |
| West   | Ariel            |
| North  | Kamala           |
| Center | Pythia           |

## Come Into the Fire by Marge Piercy

Spoken Word Performance by Aidan

## In Your Eyes by Peter Gabriel

Sung by Ananda & Goddess Choir

Dancers: Candy Jo, Meghann, Minnie Jo

Choreography: Inanna, Temple Musical Ensemble

## Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Read by Temple Young People

Lighting Altar Candles – Xia

## Invocation – Lochlan

## *I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.*

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy

by Xia & Pythia

Call and Response (Text– Page 5)

Celebrant: Briana

People: **I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

## Facilitators

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Aidan Schultz-Meyer | Ananda              |
| Anwyn               | Ariel Miasnik       |
| Briana Murray       | Caitlin             |
| Candy Jo Dahlstrom  | Christine Papalexis |
| Ember Knight        | Essence             |
| Inanna              | Isabella D’Agnenica |
| Jeaninne Payne      | Kamala              |
| Lianna Nakashima    | Lochlan             |
| Meghann Allred      | Minni Jo Mazzola    |
| Mnajdra             | Morfreyja           |
| Pat Lentz           | Pythia              |
| RA                  | Spencer Doughtie    |
| Stevie St. John     | Zachary Tatum-Nolan |

Xia

## Temple of the Goddess Choir

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Anwyn               | Caitlin       |
| Christine Papalexis | Julie Raftery |
| Lianna Nakashima    | Mnajdra       |
| Morfreyja           | Silvana       |

Ananda

**Ritual Art Director:** Ruth Ann Anderson

**Choir Director:** Ananda

**Music Directors:** Ananda & David Jacks

**Choreography & Movement Director:** Inanna

**Associate Choir Director:** Anwyn

**Temple Musical Ensemble:** Ananda, Patrick Cleary, David Jacks, Draevyn, Greenman, Lochlan, Gary Stennette

**Altar Artists:** RA & Caitlin **Costumes:** RA & Anwyn

**Lighting:** Briana Murray, Spencer Doughtie

**Sound Artists:** David Jacks & Van Webster

**Goddess Throne Created by:** Fenton & Nancy Ann Jones

**Sun Goddess Puppet Created by:** Christine Papalexis

**Make-Up Artists:** RA, Candy Jo Dahlstrom, Ariel

**Sacred Offerings:** Morfreyja, Anwyn, Draevyn, Mancub

**Media Artists:** Celia Sutton, Les Nakashima, Roger Nolan

**Savory Snacks Arranged by:** Pat Lentz

**Lava Special Effects:** RA, Jill D’Agnenica

**Labyrinth Facilitator:** Cyndia Zumpft

**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

**Firehorse** by Wendy Rule (Adapted)

Sung by Morfreyja, Temple Musical Ensemble

Choreographed by Inanna

Performed by Aiden, Ember, Ariel, Anwyn, Minnie Jo

**Here Comes the Sun** by George Harrison

Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir

Temple Musical Ensemble

**We Are the Guardians: Mythic Dance of Pele**

Written by: Xia, *Soundscape*: Temple Musicians

Guardians: Zach, Ember, Anwyn, Spencer, Morfreyja

Pele: Candy Jo Dahlstrom, Narrator: Christine Papalexis

**Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance**

As the myth comes to an end you will be invited to join us in dance, in movement, or sit in contemplation. Visit the Goddess Pele in Her Crater of Creation and receive your own digging stick, a magic wand to till the soil of your hopes and dreams. Place your doubts, fears, whatever holds you back, into Pele's Cauldron of Transformation. Come dance. Dance . . . Dance.

**Communion - Blue Green Hills of Earth**

Words & Music by Kim Oler

Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir

Temple Musical Ensemble

Lianna Nakashima – Communion Cookies

"We partake of Her body  
and give thanks, in remembrance  
of Her never-ending Circle of Life."

**Shine** by Wendy Rule

Sung by Anwyn

Temple Musical Ensemble

**Opening the Circle**

Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response

Celebrant: Ananda

People: **"Blessed Be You"**

**Offering Thanks**

Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response

Celebrant: Ananda

People: **"We Remember You"**

## 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.

## Together, We Are One. Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Xia & Pythia

Celebrant: Briana Murray

People: **I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the breath of life,  
The dawn of new beginnings.  
You are the power of word and song,  
Inspiration and spirit in flight.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the spark of life,  
The flame of creative desire.  
You are passion and regeneration,  
Fueling the fire of our hearts.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the blood of life,  
The ebb and flow of emotions.  
You are the tides of change,  
Courage in the face of all fear.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the body of life,  
Form and substance of Earth.  
You are mystery and manifestation,  
Ancient roots of wisdom and truth.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by air and breath.

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by passions aflame.

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by heart and blood.

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by Life and Love.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**