

Our evening's myth In a contemporary retelling of this ageless story of Sarasvati who brings fire to the People. The People worked hard in the summer, planting and growing. In the fall they harvested their labors with joy and laughter, and gave thanks to the living waters of Sarasvati. But as winter approached bringing the dark and the cold, the People despaired. Two beautiful sisters, Satori and Bodhi, lost in their children's games wandered away and became lost. Touched by their plight, the Goddess Sarasvati, manifesting as a mighty river from snow-topped peaks all the way to the roaring ocean, is moved to care for the girls. Seeing their cold and despair, Sarasvati allows lightning to strike a nearby tree, thus giving them the gift of Fire. The sisters miss their family and wish to bring Fire back to the People. Assisted by the powerful Water Dakinis, the girls must learn the hard lesson of "going with the flow" in order to save the lives of their loved ones.



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2013 Rituals

Hallows Eve November 2

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Celebrating the Seasons:
Autumn Equinox
September 21, 2013



Sarasvati

Goddess of Wisdom, the Arts,
and Creativity: Going with the Flow

*"The seasons and all their changes are in me."
-Henry David Thoreau*

Autumn Equinox Ritual

Facilitators

Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Pre-Ritual Activity. As the Autumn descends upon us and Winter's chill is close, we gaze back at the fields of our lives and looking at our rich harvest, we give thanks. Ask yourself what Harvest you are thankful for and write down those gifts of joy and love.

Go to the Autumn Harvest Altar: Please take your Harvest Thanks and place it on the Autumn Harvest altar. Altar Priestess: Caitlin

Opening Processional - Lamma Song by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Ananda, Donnar, & the Choir
Processors: Temple Facilitators

Welcoming/Grounding Prayer – Kamala

Casting the Circle -The Circle is Cast by Robert Gass Based on Traditional Wiccan Invocation

Sung by Ananda and Temple Choir
Temple Musical Ensemble

East	Kitty
South	Kathryn
West	Briana
North	RA
Center	Pythia

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Led by Rev. Xia, Everyone (Text - Page 4)
Singing Bowl - RA
Lighting Altar Candles – Kamala

Saraswati Suktam by © viswabrahma, based on *Rig-Veda*

Spoken Word Piece with Frame Drum: Ananda
Dancer: Kathryn

New Direction Liturgy

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Rev. Xia
Call and Response (Text – Page 5)
Celebrant: Briana

People: **I am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions**

Mabon by Damh the Bard

Sung by: Ananda & Donnar
Temple Musical Ensemble

Communion - Kamala

Communion Cookies lovingly baked by the Richardson Family

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

Adele Shakal
Bodhi Rosen
Caitlin
Carolyn Potter
Essence Williams
Isis Silva
Kamala
Nona Sivley
Ruth Ann Anderson
Tanya Baumgardner

Ananda
Briana Murray
CandyJo Dahlstrom
Christine Papalexis
Haize Hawke Rosen
Joanne Elliott
Kitty McCormick
Pythia
Satori Rosen
Xia

Temple of the Goddess Choir

Ananda
Briana Murray
Carolyn Potter
Donnar

Adele
Caitlin
Christine Papalexis
Kitty McCormick

Temple Musicians

Donnar, Ananda

Temple Production Staff

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Goddess Throne Created by: Nancy Ann Jones, Fenton Jones

Sacred Offering Giveaways by: Pythia, CandyJo

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Temple of the Goddess Liturgy
Call and Responses

Opening the Circle

Temple of the Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response
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

Temple of the 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

Prosperity Blessing

Kamala & Everyone

"Today, I celebrate my harvest.
I nurture the new seeds I wish to grow.
Mother Earth gives of Herself as we give to Her.
I pray for happiness, wholeness, and abundance
for myself and all living beings.
Goddess provides everything.
We feast at a bountiful table,
and we offer this gift in thanks. Blessed Be."

Benediction Kamala

"May we be one with this New Direction"

Sarasvati Chant Traditional

Sung by: Ananda, Donnar, & the Choir

Sarasvati: Haize

Sarasvati Chant: **"Om iam sarasvati aye namaha"**

Sarasvati and the Gift of Fire

Written & Directed by Kamala; Contributing Writers: Xia & Nesdon Booth; Choreography: Haize; Sarasvati: Haize; Satori: Satori; Bodhi: Bodhi; Shaman: Christine; Vasalisa: Isis Silva; Dusa: Briana (voiceover); Water Dakinis: Briana, Kitty, RA, Kathryn. Soundscape: Ananda & Donnar. *Joga* by Bjork, Sung by Ananda & Donnar

Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance (outside)

As the myth comes to an end you are invited to join us in dancing, visiting our Mythic Guides, or sitting in contemplation. Visit Sarasvati in Her River Grotto where she and the Water Dakinis will give you their blessings and a white lotus candle to remember Her gifts of wisdom, creativity, and going with the flow. Join us as we dance our gratitude for the gifts we have received this year. Dance our wisdom of accepting what life has to offer, in whatever form. Dance our wisdom! Dance with the flow of the music! Dance to the fire of your passion!

Grounding - We are the Flow by Lindie Lyle

Sung by the Choir

Opening the Circle

Temple of the Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response

Celebrant: Ananda

People: **"Blessed Be You"**

Offering Thanks

Temple of the Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response

Celebrant: Ananda

People: **"We Remember You"**

Merry Meet and Merry Part - Traditional

Everyone

Guiding Principles Temple of the Goddess

- ◆ We believe that every person is the living embodiment of the Divine.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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. She is immanent in all of nature, life, and the cycles of life.
- ◆ We believe the 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.
- ◆ 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.

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

Call and Response

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Rev. Xia

Celebrant: Priestess or Priest

People: **I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions**

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
The Wheel of the Year turns, Nature renewing Herself
I surrender and the Seasons transform me
Restored, Resurrected, Reborn

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
Turning my gaze from yesterday, the past
I joyously bless all that has led me here
Open, Seeking new paths, Unimagined possibilities

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
Like dream seeds planted at Spring
In the nurturing dark of the Earth
I am bursting forth, Revivified, Reborn

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
The Summer Sun calls, beckons me to arise
Rays of warmth penetrate, transfuse, and resurrect
Inviting growth, evolution, continual renewal

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
Autumn's scintillating colors seduce me
Enticing, luring me across the threshold
With new opportunities, new possibilities, new blessings

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
Nestled in the dark womb of the Mother
Winter bids me rest, suspended, trusting in the stillness
Awaiting rebirth, my destiny, I am poised to begin again

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions
The Wheel of Life turns once more
Reborn with strength, love, and belief in self

I follow the Divine Bread Crumbs to a glorious new world.

I Am Courageously Embracing Life's New Directions