

The dark Crone of Winter awakens the Spring Maiden telling her, "It is time for you to leave the safety of the dark. My time has come to an end. I have watched over you and all the Earth while you slept and dreamed. The Cycle of Life no longer needs these old eyes to watch, these hands to protect, this heart to hold the stillness of the dark. And I am tired. The rhythm of the dance changes, for now you must journey from the comfort of winter's cave and seek that which you need to bring life to the Earth and give form to the seeds you have been dreaming. Behold. The rhythm of the dance changes. Spring is coming."

Journey with us as Crow guides the Spring Maiden onto a new path. With your personal integrity as your compass, be prepared to let go of your old thinking and embrace a new way of viewing yourself and the world.



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2014 Rituals

Summer Solstice - June 28
Autumn Equinox - September 20
All Hallows - November 1

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and our work growing and thriving.***

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Celebrating the Seasons:
Spring Equinox
March 22, 2014



"Ostara" - by Helena Nelson-Reed

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

Spring Equinox Ritual

Facilitators

Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Pre-Ritual Activity. What is your hope for this year? What seeds do you want to plant to create your Secret Garden? Write your dream and desires on the paper egg.

Go to the Spring Altar: Place your dream paper egg in the basket.
Altar: Kathryn

Opening Processional - Ancient Mother

Sung by Temple Choir
Piano: RA
Processors: Temple Facilitators

Welcoming/Grounding Prayer – Kamala

Casting the Circle

Celebrant: Christine Papalexis
East Mnajdra and Lianna
South Minni Jo
West Kitty
North Marcella
Center Pythia

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

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

Ostara by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple Choir
Accompanied by Temple Musicians
Chorus: Everyone (Text - Page 6)

Myth Magic by Kan’Nal

Spoken word piece with sound by RA
Dancer: Minni Jo

Spirits of the Plants by Lisa Thiel

Choreographed and danced by Lianna

I am the Gardener of My Life Liturgy

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

People: **I am the Gardener of My Life**

Adele Shakal
CandyJo Dahlstrom
Christine Papalexis
Hannah Petrie
Joanne Elliott
Kathryn Paine
Lianna Nakashima
Minni Jo Mazzola
Nona Johnson
RA

Briana Murray
Carolyn Potter
Essence Williams
Isis Silva
Kamala
Kitty McCormick
Marcella Lentz-Pope
Mnajdra
Pythia
Xia

Temple of the Goddess Choir

Anne Gauldin
Carolyn Potter
Christine Papalexis
Kitty McCormick
Briana Murray
Lianna Nakashima
Patrick Cleary

Temple Musicians

Patrick Cleary, Christine, RA

Temple Production Staff

Ritual Director: Kamala

Ritual Producers: Kamala, Pythia, Xia

Ritual Planning Committee: Ananda, Adele, Briana, Nona, Pythia,
Caitlin, RA, CandyJo, Kamala

Media Director: Caitlin

Marketing Director: Charles “Beautyseer” Elliott

Social Network Director: Joanne Elliott

Ritual Art Directors: Adele, RA

Programs: Miller Sherwood Printing, Mnajdra, Xia, Pythia

Altar Artist: Caitlin

Music & Choir Director: Ananda, Mnajdra

Sets, Costumes, And Make-up, Masks (SCAMM):

Ruth Ann Anderson, Adele, CandyJo, Brita Richardson

Goddess Throne Created by: Nancy Ann Jones, Fenton Jones

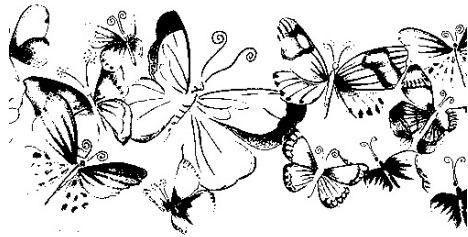
Sacred Offering Giveaways by: Pythia, CandyJo

Media Artists: Les Nakashima, Charles Elliott

Ostara (Spring Song) by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple Choir
Chorus: Everyone

Praise to the Spring, Praise to all living things
Praise to the Maiden and the joy that she brings
Praise to the Earth let all her creatures now sing
Hope is renewed with the coming of the Spring



Myth Magic by Kal'Nal

Myth and magic are one and the same thing
Mixed in life they dance and dream
Off in a hole behind the sunrise
Look into the sun set ruby red fire
Water dragon
Swimming the horizon
Chasing his tail drawing circles
Myth magic - you are the myth
Myth magic - follow your bliss
Myth magic - what is this
That you speak of
I don't think I know this before
Myth magic - you are the myth
Myth magic - follow your bliss
Myth magic - what is this
That you dream of
These are stories never been told
Buried like a treasure waiting for discoverers
Underneath the secrets of every lover
Only the heart can hear that voice
Ain't no "God" gonna burn your soul in damnation
Oh No, but maybe you will
The days of "The One"
who's gonna come back and save you are here
inside of you all
inside of us all

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.

Gaelic Prayer by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple Choir
Accompanied by Temple Musicians

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."

Myth Magic: The Secret Garden

Written by Xia; Directed by Kamala; Choreography by
CandyJo; Costumes and Sets by Adele
Shaman: Christine; Crow: Briana/Marcella; Winter Crone:
RA/Kamala; Spring Maiden: CandyJo/Kathryn;
Guardian of Air: Essence/Minni Jo; Guardian of Fire (Lilith):
Hannah/Nona; Guardian of Water: Pythia/Minni Jo;
Guardian of Earth: Isis/Marcella

Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance (outside)

As the myth comes to an end we invite you to join us in dance,
movement, or contemplation. Visit the Four Guardians at their
altars, in any order you wish. In the Maiden's Secret Garden
with the wise Crow, gather what you need for your journey in
2014. You may find the courage you seek to walk down that
new path, or perhaps to continue down a difficult path you're
already on. Then hold tight to the dreams you have planted
and that which you have yet to plant. Know that you can plant
your dreams, ideas, and desires in the fertile soil of
community. You can shed that which holds you back from
achieving your goals. Come dance the dance of Spring, of
Creation. Dance, and claim your Destiny.

Grounding - Kamala

Opening the Circle - Christine

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 the Gardener of My Life

Call and Response
Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Rev. Xia

Celebrant: Kathryn
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.