Our Summer Solstice myth is a modern retelling of the myth of Amaterasu, the Japanese Sun Goddess, and her brother, Susono'o, the great storm God who learns a lesson in power and passion.



Tonight we would like to give a very special thanks to Tom Armbruster and the Church of Truth Choir and Musicians, an amazing group filled with so many talented spiritual artists. To all the loving folks at Church of Truth, thank you for opening your gracious hearts to Temple of the Goddess.

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Celebrating the Seasons: Summer Solstice June 28, 2014



Amaterasu by Jessi Beans

Amaterasu

Myth Magic: The Magic of Passion and Power

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

Summer Solstice Ritual

Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Pre-Ritual Activity. Open your heart and let the Sun shine in. Feed your Soul. Be brave. Reveal a Summer Wish, Intention, or Goal . . . Manifest your Heart's Burning Desire.

Go To Summer Altar: Place your Sun wishes on the Summer Altar to bask in the Radiant Illumination of Amaterasu and Make It So! Altar Priestess: Caitlin

Opening Processional- *Here Comes The Sun* by The Beatles Sung by combined Church of Truth & Temple of the Goddess Choir Led by Tom Armbruster, Guitar: Donar Processors: Temple Facilitators Sun Goddess Puppet Created by Christine Papalexis

Welcoming/Grounding Meditation - Jeaninne, Rev. Xia

Casting the Circle -*Elemental Chant* by Wendy Rule Drumming & Sung by Amanda Sargenti

> East Mnajdra & Lianna South Jeaninne West Christine North Brita Center Pythia

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Led by Isis, Everyone (Text - Page 4) Lighting Altar Candles – Kamala

Litha (Summer Solstice) by Lisa Thiel Sung by CofT & TOG Choirs Led by Tom Armbruster, Bongoes: Amanda, Guitar: Donar

I am Creating My Life with Magic by Kamala & Rev. Xia Call and Response (Text- Page 5)

> Celebrant: Kamala People: I am Creating My Life with Magic

Shine by Wendy Rule

Sung by CofT & TOG Choirs Led by Tom Armbruster, Guitar: Donar

Communion - Rev. Xia

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."

Facilitators

Adele Shakal Anya Bershatsky Caitlin Christine Papalexis Essence Williams Isis Silva Joanne Elliott Lianna Nakashima Mnajdra Pythia Tanya Baumgardener

Amanda Sargenti Brita Richardson Caroline Potter Cindy-Roy Komoto Gary Mortimer Jeaninne Payne Kamala Mark Bershatsky Prophet Silva Rich Zitola Taylor Doughtie Rev. Xia

Special Guest Fire Dancer: Jennifer Otenti

Church of Truth & Temple of the Goddess Choirs

Special Guest Choir & Music Director: Tom Armbruster

Adele Shakal Art Blair Cindy-Roy Komoto Gary Mortimer Isis Silva Jill Augustine Carter Sandi Duncan Amanda Sargenti Carolyn Potter Donar Hoberleigh Phreigh Jane Friday Kieran Sala Trisha Robere

<u>Musicans</u>

Tom Armbruster, Donar, Amanda Sargenti Church of Truth Drummers led by Tom Armbruster

After-ritual Garden Refreshment Decoration: Tanya

Temple Production Staff

Ritual Director: Kamala; Ritual Producers: Kamala, Pythia, Xia Ritual Planning Committee: Ananda, Adele, Pythia, Caitlin, RA, CandyJo, Kamala; Marketing Director: Charles "Beautyseer" Elliott Social Network Director: Joanne Elliott; Ritual Art Director: Adele Programs: Miller Sherwood Printing, Mnajdra, Xia, Pythia; Altar Artist: Caitlin; Music & Choir Director: Ananda; Sets, Costumes, And Make-up, Masks (SCAMM): Pythia, Adele, CandyJo, RA Goddess Throne Created by: Nancy Ann Jones, Fenton Jones; Sacred Offering Giveaways by: Pythia; Media Artists: Les Nakashima, Charles Elliott Temple of the Goddess Liturgy Call and Responses

Opening the Circle

Temple of the Goddess Liturgy: Call and Response Celebrant: Jane Friday 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: Jane Friday 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 **Gaelic Prayer** by Lisa Thiel, Led by Tom Armbruster Sung by CofT & TOG Choirs, Guitar: Donar

Prosperity Blessing - Jeaninne, 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.

Special Tribute: Maya Angelou, a brilliant woman who gave so much light and passion to the world.On the Pulse of Morning read by Kamala

Gentle Arms of Eden by Dave Carter Sung by Jane Friday, Accompanied by Tom Armbruster

Amaterasu & The Magic of Passion and Power

Written by Xia, Contributing Writer: Kamala, Directed by Kamala Shaman/Storyteller: Christine, Crow: Cindy-Roy Komoto, Amaterasu: Amanda Sargenti, Susano'o: Taylor Doughtie, Kami's (Elemental Beings): Isis, Essence, Mark, Anya, Prophet, Pond Spirit: Pythia. GREEK CHORUS: Gary Mortimer, Rich Zitola, Brita Richardson

Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance

As the myth comes to an end, you will be guided to continue the ritual outside (bring your valuables). Accompanied by the CofT drummers, we invite you to join us in dance, in movement and contemplation. Visit Amaterasu and Susano'o in their Magical Summer Garden and receive a special gift to hold the magic and power of your summer passion. Dance the Dance of the passionate magic of Summer.

Honoring the Fire of the Summer Sun

Fire Dancing by Jennifer Otenti Drumming: CofT Drumming, Led by Tom Armbruster

Opening the Circle

Temple of the Goddess Call and Response Musical Liturgy Written by Ananda Celebrant: Jane Friday People: **"Blessed Be You"**

Offering Thanks

Temple of the Goddess Call and Response Musical Liturgy Written by Ananda Celebrant: Jane Friday People: **"We Remember You"**

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 Creating My Life With Magic

Call and Response Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Kamala & Rev. Xia

Celebrant: Priestess or Priest People: I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic. As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of the Seasons. The power of intention, passion, gratitude, gestation. With will, purpose, and determination I design my destiny. I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic. As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of Spring I plant my Dream seeds in the fertile soil of the Mother. Embracing my Intention, I await renewal and rebirth. I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic. As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of Summer With desire and the power of passion I grow my garden with strength, fortitude, and resolve. I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic. As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of Autumn. With gratitude in my heart, I harvest the Garden of my Life. I celebrate my bounty and gather the seeds of Magic. I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic. As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of Winter. I rest in the Stillness of the Dark, dreaming, gestating I surrender to the Mystery, nourished in the Mother's arms. I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic. As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of the Seasons. The power of intention, passion, gratitude, gestation. With will, purpose and determination I design my destiny. I Am Creating My Life with Magic.