

In song, dance and spoken word, we explore the power and potential that comes with Resurrection. We follow Inanna as she descends into the Underworld of her sister Erishkigal, her shadow-self. This ancient myth is filled with powerful symbolism of the shadow. The shadow is not to be ignored or conquered but must be embraced and integrated into the conscious ego. The work of meeting and embracing the shadow is a divine dance of integration. Yet integration requires the ultimate sacrifice, death. The old self, as we've always known it to be, must die so that a new self can be reborn.



We celebrate Inanna's resurrection, the blessed rebirth of the Earth, and our own divine renewal. Like Inanna, we die, are reborn, and rise again . . . to share with the world what we learned when we were underground.

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<b>2011 Rituals</b>	
Spring Equinox	March 19
Summer Solstice	June 18 (Park)
Autumn Equinox	September 24
Hallows Eve	October 29

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and our work growing and thriving.***

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## Celebrating the Seasons: Spring Equinox March 19, 2011



**Inanna**  
by Lisa Hunt

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

# Spring Equinox Ritual

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## Facilitators

### **Enter the Temple in Sacred Space**

*Pre-Ritual Activity:* Write a personal message: What seeds do you wish to symbolically plant for 2011? *Go To Spring Altar:* Place your message in the planting basket. Altar Priestess: Caitlin

### **Welcoming/Grounding Prayer** – Xia

### **Opening** - *Do You Know Where You're Going To*

By Michael Masser and Gerald Goffin  
Sung by Eryyka Jimenez with Temple Musical Ensemble

### **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	Candy Jo Dahl
South	Inanna
West	Kamala
North	RA
Center	Pythia

### **Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess**

Kamala, Everyone (Text - Page)  
Lighting Altar Candles – Xia

### **Ostara** by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

### **Resurrection** by Eileen Rosenteel

Dancer: Candy Jo Dahl  
Spoken word: Inanna

### **Blue Green Hills of Earth** by Kim Oler

Sung by Temple Choir, Descant: Eryyka Jimenez  
Temple Musical Ensemble

### **I am the Gardener of my Life**

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy  
Call and Response (Text- Page 5)

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

### **I Dream of Spring** by k. d. lang

Music & Vocals: David Jacks

Ananda  
Caitlin  
Carolyn Potter  
David Jacks  
Kamala  
Mnajdra  
Pythia

Briana Murray  
Candy Jo Dahlstrom  
Christine Papalexis  
Inanna  
Lianna Nakashima  
Nancy Ann Jones  
RA

Xia

## Temple of the Goddess Choir

Ananda  
Caitlin  
Christine Papalexis  
Eryyka Jimenez  
Kitty McCormick  
Mnajdra

Briana Murray  
Carolyn Potter  
David Jacks  
Julie Raftery  
Laura Jennings  
Patrick Cleary

## Temple Musical Ensemble

David Jacks, Patrick Cleary, Ananda

## Temple Production Staff

**Media Director:** Caitlin

**Marketing Director:** Charles "Beautyseer" Elliott

**Social Network Director:** Joanne Elliott

**Ritual Art Director:** Ruth Ann Anderson

**Programs:** Miller Sherwood Printing & Mnajdra

**Altar Artist:** Caitlin & RA

**Music & Choir Director:** Ananda

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

Candy Jo, RA, Xia, Joanne Elliott

**Lighting:** Briana Murray, Michael Fisher

**Sound & Recording Artist:** David Jacks

**Sacred Offering Giveaways by:** Candy Jo Dahl,  
Pythia, Xia, Ernie Silva, Essence, Paige

**Media Artists:** Les Nakashima, Roger Nolan, Charles Elliott

**Ritual Producers:** Pythia, RA, Xia

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

**Inanna's Rebirth: Integration of the Dark Divine**  
Written & Directed by: Xia; Contributing Writer: Candy Jo Dahl; Choreography: Candy Jo Dahl; Erishkigal: Ananda; Korybantes: Candy Jo Dahl; Inanna: Briana Murray; Narrators: Christine Papalexis, Xia; Shaman: Kamala; Soundscape: David Jacks, Caitlin

*Inanna* by: Wendy Rule; Sung by Ananda,  
*Inanna* by: Lisa Thiel; Sung by Temple Choir & Musicians

**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 Erishkigal in her Garden of Eternal Life where she gives us a gift, a prayer charm of integration to remind us of the power of wholeness. On your way, you can plant your own dream seeds as a magical symbol of all you want to grow in your life's garden in 2011. Come. Celebrate the awakened Earth as we celebrate our awakened consciousness integrated and reborn. Dance your mystery, your divine journey. Dance your destiny.

**Communion - Xia**

Lianna Nakashima - Communion Cookies

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

**Grounding - Blessing** by Donna Hebert

Arranged by Sandi Peaslee  
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

**Prosperity Blessing - Xia, 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.

**Unwrapped the Flowers**

Words by Piae Cantiones, Music by Thomas Benjamin  
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

**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"**

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  
Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy  
Call and Response

Celebrant: Kamala

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.**