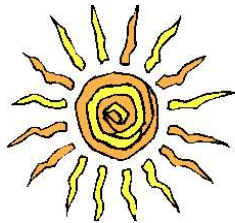


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Celebrating the Seasons:  
Summer Solstice  
June 28, 2008



***Spirit of the Elements***  
by Josephine Wall

# Summer Solstice Ritual

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## Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Go To Summer Altar – Shine a Light On Your Summer Growth  
Music: Howard Hanson on Hammered Dulcimer

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

Sung by Anwyn &  
Temple Musical Ensemble  
*Sun Dancers:* Ariel, David, Bella, Savannah, Kathryn, Zach  
*Offering of Fire:* Kamala  
*Sun Goddess:* Inanna  
*Sun Goddess Puppet:* Created by Christine Papalexis

**Welcoming** – Xia

**Grounding** – Lochlan

## Casting the Circle

*The Circle Song* by Wendy Rule  
Sung by Anonna, Temple Musicians

East Mnajdra & Lianna  
South Kamala  
West Jeaninne  
North RA  
Center Pythia

## Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Read by Temple Young People  
Lighting Altar Candles – Miranda

## Invocation to the Ancient Ones to Open Temple of the Goddess Doors

by Miranda

**Sun Salutation on Cello** – Farva

## Facilitators

Ananda	Anonna
Anwyn	Ariel Miasnik
Briana Murray	Caitlin
David Jacks	David Wikkeling-Marotta
Ember Knight	Farva
Night Eagle Dancer	Inanna
Isabella D’Agnenica	Jeaninne Payne
Kamala	Kathryn Payne
Lianna Nakashima	Lochlan
Marisa Gold	Miranda Rondeau
Mnajdra	Morfreyja
Pat Lentz	Patrick Humphreys
Pythia	RA
Savannah Rogers	Spencer Doughtie
T’Lark	Wyllow
Zachary Tatum-Nolan	Xia

## Temple of the Goddess Choir

Ananda	Anwyn
Caitlin	Caitlin Berckmann
David Jacks	Lianna Nakashima
Morfreyja	Micheala Viers
Mnajdra	Seven Jains
Susan Galeas	T’Lark
	Wyllow

**Choir Director:** Ananda

**Associate Choir Director:** Anwyn

**Music Directors:** Ananda & David Jacks

**Temple Musical Ensemble:** Ananda, David Jacks,  
Miranda Rondeau, Howard Hansen,  
Trevor Tripoli, Patrick Cleary, Lochlan

**Ritual Art Director:** Ruth Ann Anderson

**Altar Artists:** RA & Caitlin

**Lighting & Special Effects:** Briana Murray, Alex Endrenyi, Kathy Doughtie

**Sacred Fire Bowl Made by:** Nesdon Booth

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

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

**Costumes & Masks:** RA

**Sacred Offerings:** Morfreyja, Anwyn, Wyllow, Trevor Tripoli, Mancub

**Recording Artists:** Les Nakashima

**Temple Carpenter:** Greenman

**Temple Media Editors:** Kathleen Forrest, Jill D’Agnenica

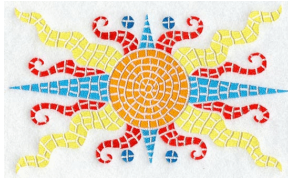
## **Ancient Mother**

by Robert Gass  
Arrangement by Jim Scott

Ancient Mother, I hear you calling  
Ancient Mother, I hear your song  
Ancient Mother, I hear your laughter  
Ancient Mother, I taste your tears

Goddess Chant:

Ishtar, Cerredwin, Hecate, Inanna, Isis, Artemis,  
Sophia, Athena, Coatlicue, Aphrodite, Mielikki, Astarte,  
Gaia, Saraswati, Kali, Pele, Paso Wee, Demeter,  
Parvati, Hera, Akewa, Diana, Nidaba, Chicomecoatl,  
Lilith, Shekhina, Morgana, Maya, Izanami, Shakti



## **Litha (Summer Solstice Song)**

by Lisa Thiel

I am the fire that burns within your soul  
I am the Holy light that fills and makes you whole  
I am the Flame within, that never dies  
I am the sun that will ever arise  
(Chorus)

Power of the Sun we honor you this night  
We leap across the fire to keep our spirits bright  
Power of the Sun, fire in the night  
We leave behind, that which blinds, to restore our sight

I am the fire that clears away the old  
I am the holy light that guides you to your soul  
I am the Flame Of Love for which you yearn  
I am the sun that will always return

## **There Is Power in the Ancient Names**

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy  
*Names* by Clay Gilbert, Adapted by Xia & Pythia  
Call and Response (Text- Page 5)

Celebrant: Briana  
People: **There is power in the ancient names.**

## **Ancient Mother**

by Robert Gass, Arranged by: Jim Scott  
Sung by: Anwyn, Morreyja, Mnajdra, Caitlin  
& Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

## **Joy of Summer**

*Irna*, from Alegria by Cirque du Soleil  
Arrangement by Rene Dupere & Robbi Finkel  
Dancers: Ariel Miasnik & David Wikkeling-Marotta  
Choreography by Ariel Miasnik

## **We Are the Storytellers: Remembering Amaterasu**

Written by: Xia & Pythia, Directed by: Pat Lentz  
*Soundscape*: Temple Musicians  
*Drummer*: Miranda Rondeau  
*Storytellers/ Kami*: Kathryn, Patrick, Morfreyja, Marisa, Ember  
*Narrators*: David, Anonna  
*Amaterasu, The Japanese Sun Goddess*: Inanna  
*Susono'o, The Japanese Storm God*: Zachary  
*Thunder & Lightning Dancers*: Anwyn & David Wikkeling-Marotta  
*Spirit of Water*: Ariel Miasnik

NOTE: In the Shinto religion, Kami are the sacred essence that exist in all the Universe and often manifest as nature spirits.

## **Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance**

As the myth comes to an end you will be invited to join us in dance, in movement, in contemplation. Visit the altars, in any order that you wish. Visit Amaterasu, the Sun Goddess in her magical cave for a blessing and charm of true-seeing. Use your sacred rattle to honor the growing light of the sun and the growing of your personal dreams, desires, and manifestations. Come dance the joy of summer, of growth. Dance, remember your divine legacy, and celebrate the divine nature of all things.

**Dante's Prayer** by Loreena McKennitt

Sung by: T'Lark & Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musicians

**Communion**

Lianna Nakashima – Communion Cookies  
Xia: We partake of Her body and give thanks in  
remembrance of Her never-ending Circle of Life.

**Shine** by Wendy Rule

Sung by: Ananda & Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musicians

**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"



***Amaterasu Emerging From Her Cave***

**Dante's Prayer**

by Loreena McKennitt

When the dark wood fell before me  
And all the paths were overgrown  
When the priests of pride say there is no other way  
I tilled the sorrows of stone

I did not believe because I could not see  
Though you came to me in the night  
When the dawn seemed forever lost  
You showed me your love in the light of the stars

Cast your eyes on the ocean  
Cast your soul to the sea  
When the dark night seems endless  
Please remember me

Then the mountain rose before me  
By the deep well of desire  
From the fountain of forgiveness  
Beyond the ice and fire

Cast your eyes on the ocean  
Cast your soul to the sea  
When the dark night seems endless  
Please remember me

Though we share this humble path, alone  
How fragile is the heart  
Oh give these clay feet wings to fly  
To touch the face of the stars

Breathe life into this feeble heart  
Lift this mortal veil of fear  
Take these crumbled hopes, etched with tears  
We'll rise above these earthly cares

Cast your eyes on the ocean  
Cast your soul to the sea  
When the dark night seems endless  
Please remember me  
Please remember me

## The Circle Song by Wendy Rule

The East the air the sword the mind  
The gate that leaves the night behind.

The South the sun the flame the fire  
The gateway to our soul's desire.

The west the womb the water's flow  
The gateway to the world below.

The North the star the silent Earth  
The gateway to our soul's rebirth.



## Shine by Wendy Rule

You were bound you were lost you were captured  
With your infinite soul counting hours  
In a web where each thread held a future  
And the future holds infinite powers

You are braver than mythical heroes  
You have rescued the child of the dreamland  
You have conquered the beast of the shadow  
The universe is centered on where you stand

Feel the world at your feet  
Freedom calls you from time  
And all because you shine  
You are drinking the nectar divine

You have broken the rings that hold Saturn  
you are shedding the clothes of your sorrow  
and the summer is singing its passion  
And the universe calls you to follow

Feel the world at your feet  
Freedom calls you from time  
And all because you shine  
You are drinking the nectar divine.

## There Is Still Power In the Ancient Names Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy Names by Clay Gilbert, Adapted by Pythia & Xia

Celebrant: Briana Murray

People: **These words, remembered, wake her.**

There is still power in the ancient names  
Forgotten, she does not die,  
but sleeps, whispering in her dreams  
**These words, remembered, wake her.**

There is still power in the ancient names  
surrounded by concrete  
In the midst of an urban jungle  
**These words, remembered, wake Her.**

There is still power in the ancient names-  
Isis, Astarte, Diana-  
As we call, chant, and pray  
**These words, remembered, wake Her.**

There is still power in the ancient names  
No grove beneath our feet,  
only the rough skin of gravel and concrete  
**These words, remembered, wake Her.**

There is still power in the ancient names  
Every breeze whispers Her name.  
Every moonbeam holds Her spirit.  
**These words, remembered, wake Her.**

There is still power in the ancient names  
as we sound them forth  
Hecate, Demeter, Kali-  
**These words, remembered, wake Her.**

There is still power in the ancient names  
No longer forgotten, She sleeps by the roadside  
Surrounded by technology.  
**These words, remembered, wake Her.**

**There is still power in the ancient names.  
These words, remembered, wake Her.**

**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.

**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