

In ancient Greek Medusa means Guardian and Protectress. Upon entering the Mythic Realm tonight we honor our ancestors and courageously face our fears in the form and countenance of the horrifically mythic MEDUSA. As we stalk our fears, grasp our courage, and the all encompassing power of change, we remember and call forth Medusa. Meeting Medusa is an opportunity for you, for all of us, to go within, look into that most frightening place of all, the Mirror of Self, and face that which frightens us most. There are critical, archetypal times in our lives when the Spirit of Medusa calls to us, calls us to change, to grow, to be more than we ever dreamed we could be.



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2013 Rituals

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and our work growing and thriving.**

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Celebrating the Seasons:
Hallows Eve
October 27, 2012



Medusa
Guardian & Protectress

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

Hallows Eve Ritual

Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Pre-Ritual Activity: What treasure are you seeking. . . what fears hold you back? Look into the Mirror of Self and . . . Name your fears. *Go To Medusa's Altar:* Leave your fears behind.
Altar Priestess: Caitlin

Opening Processional - Dissolve by Wendy Rule

Sung by Christine & Goddess Choir, Dancers: Kamala with Serpent Isis, Haize, Satori, Bodhi, Essence, Isis

Welcoming/Grounding Prayer - Xia

Slow Down - by Wendy Rule

Sung by Ananda

Witch's Rune by SJ Tucker

Sung by Temple Choir

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Led by Kamala (Page 4)
Singing Bowl: RA, Lighting Altar Candles - Xia

Casting the Circle

Elemental Chant by Wendy Rule
Sung by Ananda, Temple Musicians

East	Mnajdra & Lianna
South	Laura
West	Kitty
North	RA
Center	Pythia

Cauldron of Changes by Lindie Lyla

Sung by Goddess Choir

I am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

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

Celebrant: Christine
People: **I am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.**

The Witching Hour by Patrick Cleary

Sung by Ananda & Patrick

Medusa, the Gorgon by Ellenburg

A feminist reimagining of Medusa.
Read by Ananda.

Come to the Labyrinth by SJ Tucker

Sung by Ananda & Patrick

Facilitators

Adele Shakal	Ananda
Bodhi Rosen	Briana Murray
Caitlin	CandyJo Dahlstrom
Carolyn Potter	Christine Papalexis
Cindy Bowens	Essence Williams
Haize Hawke Rosen	Isis Silva
Joanne Elliott	Kamala
Kitty McCormick	Lianna Nakashima
Mnajdra	Nona Sivley
Pythia	Satori Rosen

Xia

Temple of the Goddess Choir

Adele Shakal	Briana Murray
Caitlin	Carolyn Potter
Christine Papalexis	Jennifer Gaillard
Julie Raftery	Kristin Dwan
Kitty McCormick	Laura Jennings
Lianna Nakashima	Mnajdra

Temple Musicians

Patrick Cleary, Ananda

Music & Choir Director: Ananda

Ritual Producers: Pythia, Xia

Ritual Planners: Xia, RA, Pythia, Ananda, Caitlin,
Adele, Kamala, CandyJo

Ritual Art Directors: Adele Shakal & Ruth Ann Anderson

Altar Artist: Caitlin, Laura, Cindy

Sacred Giveaway by: Pythia, CandyJo

Sets, Costumes, And Make-up, Masks (SCAMM): RA,
Adele Shakal, CandyJo Dahlstrom, Nona Sivley

Lighting: Briana Murray, Nona Sivley

Goddess Throne Created by: Fenton & Nancy Ann Jones

Media Director: Charles "Beautyseer" Elliott

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Media Director: Caitlin

Media Artists: Charles Elliott, Les Nakashima, Roger Nolan

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
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Words by Ananda
Music: Classical Liturgy

Medusa: Stone and Bone Written and Directed by Xia
 Changing Woman: Kamala; Narrator: Christine; Adrastea:
 Nona; Medusa: Briana; Mirror of Self: Haize; Questers: Adele,
 RA, Kitty, Laura; Soundscape: Ananda
Dark Wings by Wendy Rule - Sung by Ananda

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 Medusa in Her Gorgon Cave where She will give you a Token of Power to aid you in facing your fears. Like Medusa's Serpents, shed the fears you have faced and let them go. Dance your courage, your strength, your power.

Communion - Xia, Communion Cookies provided by Christine

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

Grounding - Requiem by Eliza Gilkyson
Sung by Goddess Choir

The Dead Are Never Gone by Birago Diop
Spoken Word Piece - Xia

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.

Carry the Flame by Patricia Yates, Arrangement by Jim Scott
Sung by Goddess Choir

Carry the Flame of Peace and Love until we meet again.

Benediction - Xia
May we be one with this Moment of Change.

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
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 People: "**We Remember You**"

Merry Meet and Merry Part - Everyone
Traditional

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 Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Xia Call and Response

Celebrant: Priestess or Priest

People: **I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.**

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
Nature and the Earth are always turning.
I embrace their differences,
for the seasons abide in me.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
I surrender to change, let go of the old.
I shed, release and continue to grow.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
A seed planted at spring
In the nurturing dark of the soil
Reaching for the light, I become a new form.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
In the stark heat of summer,
Toiling with growth, reaching for the sun.
I am maturing, ripening, joyously becoming.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
Come Autumn I thrill to the colors of change
Adapting, slowing with the first breath of fall
I look within and honor all that I am.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
In the embracing dark of Winter I pause. I wait
Trusting in the stillness of a new creative space.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.

I am changing, evolving, ever-renewing.
Holding to courage and the alchemy of change
Awaiting rebirth in the passage of time
The Wheel of Life brings me back
To all that I am.

I Am Changing, Evolving, Ever-Renewing.