

Tonight's myth and ritual centers on Lilith, the mythical First Mother. Known in Kabbalistic texts as Adam's first wife, Lilith is the winged Goddess of Air who flew from the Garden of Eden with Her Owl Familiar because she refused to "lie under," to be subservient to Adam. Confident in Her own self-knowledge, Lilith leaves behind the limitations of tradition, society, and the world as She knew it. She ventures forth, flies upon the wings of Her own divine truths, sharing Her knowledge of change and empowerment with the world.

We journey, remember, and embrace the relevance this archetypal Goddess offers us today. Lilith passes on her hard-won knowledge so that we, too, can bring healing to the world by reaching out and sharing our own loving wisdom.



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**2009 Rituals**

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| Summer Solstice | June 20      |
| Autumn Equinox  | September 19 |
| All Hallows Eve | October 24   |

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Celebrating the Seasons:  
Spring Equinox  
March 14, 2009



Lilith by Beth Hansen

# Spring Equinox Ritual

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

Go To Spring Altar – Plant Your Knowledge  
Music: Ananda & Patrick Cleary

## **Opening - Firehorse** by Wendy Rule (Adapted)

Sung by Ananda, Temple Musical Ensemble  
Choreographed by Inanna  
Performed by Haize, Aiden, Ember, Candy, Anwyn,

## **Welcoming** – Xia

## **Casting the Circle**

*The Circle is Cast* by Robert Gass  
Based on Traditional Wiccan Invocation

Sung by Morfreyja, Anwyn & Ananda  
Temple Musical Ensemble

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| East   | Mnajdra & Lianna   |
| South  | Jeaninne & Kathryn |
| West   | Greenman & Mancub  |
| North  | RA & Bella         |
| Center | Pythia             |

## **Grounding & Invocation** – Haize

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

Read by Temple Young People  
Lighting Altar Candles – Xia

## **Morning Has Broken**

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, Arrangement: Jim Scott  
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

## **I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy  
by Xia & Pythia  
Call and Response (Text- Page 5)

Celebrant: Briana  
People: **I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

## **Facilitators**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Aidan Schultz-Meyer | Ananda              |
| Anwyn               | Briana Murray       |
| Caitlin             | Candy Jo Dahlstrom  |
| Christine Papalexis | Ember Knight        |
| Essence             | Greenman            |
| Inanna              | Isabella D’Agnenica |
| Jeaninne Payne      | Kamala              |
| Kathryn Payne       | Lianna Nakashima    |
| Mancub              | Mnajdra             |
| Morfreyja           | Pat Lentz           |
| Patrick Humphrey    | Patrick Cleary      |
| Pythia              | RA                  |
| Roberta Farrington  | Satori Rosen        |
| Stevie St. John     | Witchhaizel         |

Xia

## **Temple of the Goddess Choir**

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Anwyn               | Caitlin          |
| Christine Papalexis | Jeaninne Payne   |
| Kathryn Payne       | Lianna Nakashima |
| Mnajdra             | Morfreyja        |

**Choir Director:** Ananda

**Associate Choir Director:** Anwyn

**Music Directors:** Ananda & David Jacks

**Temple Musical Ensemble:** Ananda, Patrick Cleary,  
David Jacks, Draevyn, Greenman, Diana Chuang

**Ritual Art Director:** Ruth Ann Anderson

**Altar Artists:** RA & Caitlin

**Lighting & Special Effects:** Briana Murray

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

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

**Costumes & Masks:** RA & Anwyn

**Make-Up Artists:** RA & Candy Jo Dahlstrom

**Sacred Offerings:** Morfreyja & Anwyn

**Media Artists:** Celia Sutton, Les Nakashima, Brandon Scott

**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

**Spirit of the Plants** by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Ananda & Morfreyja, Choreographed by Kamala  
Dancers: Anwyn, Lianna, Bella, Roberta, Satori, Essence

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, Arrangement: C. L. Caddick  
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

**We Are the Guardians: Lilith & the Fruit of Knowledge**

Written by: Xia, Directed by: Xia & RA

*Soundscape:* Temple Musicians

Guardians: Kathryn, Patrick, Ember, Anwyn, Morfreyja

Narrator-Inanna, Lilith-Kamala, Adam-Spencer

*Evolution* by Wendy Rule, Sung by Patrick Cleary

NewsCast Recording by David Jacks

**Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance**

As the myth comes to an end you will be invited to join us  
in dance, in movement, or simply sit in contemplation.

Visit the Goddess Lilith in Her Garden, share the fruit of  
Her wisdom, and receive your own Book of Knowledge.  
Embrace your own truth, knowledge and power, the "I  
Am." Honor the self-empowerment of others. "You Are."  
Celebrate the unity of all beings. "Together We Are One."  
Come dance. Dance . . . Dance.

**Let It Be**, Music & Lyrics by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir

Temple Musical Ensemble

**Communion**

Lianna Nakashima – Communion Cookies

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

Harmonium: Ananda

**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"**

## 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.

## Together, We Are One. Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Xia & Pythia

Celebrant: Briana Murray

People: **I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the breath of life,  
The dawn of new beginnings.  
You are the power of word and song,  
Inspiration and spirit in flight.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the spark of life,  
The flame of creative desire.  
You are passion and regeneration,  
Fueling the fire of our hearts.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the blood of life,  
The ebb and flow of emotions.  
You are the tides of change,  
Courage in the face of all fear.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

I am the body of life,  
Form and substance of Earth.  
You are mystery and manifestation,  
Ancient roots of wisdom and truth.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by air and breath.

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by passions aflame.

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by heart and blood.

We are the Oneness of Spirit.  
United by Life and Love.  
**I Am. You Are. Together, We Are One.**