

Tonight, we honor the Greek Goddess, Artemis, the fearless, untamed Goddess of the hunt; the first environmentalist, protector of the Earth and guardian for the light of humanity. On this Equinox we will witness Artemis' great calling of the Green Dragon—the fierce manifestation of our own consciousness and connection to the Earth, and the warrior energy needed to protect the Earth and its people.



Celebrating the Seasons:  
Autumn Equinox  
September 24, 2011

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Hallows Eve      October 29, 2011

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and our work growing and thriving.***



Artemis

by Lisa Hunt

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

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# Autumn Equinox Ritual

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## Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

*Pre-Ritual Activity:* What personal dreams and visions are you stalking? What, as yet, un-found destiny are you hunting? *Go To Artemis' Altar:* Leave your dreams and visions in the heart of Artemis' sacred bow arrows.  
Altar Priestess: Caitlin

## Welcoming/Grounding Prayer – Xia

**Opening - *When I Become the Moon*** by: Damh the Bard  
Sung by Ananda  
with Temple Musical Ensemble  
*Sacred Dancer:* Inanna

## Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

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

## Casting the Circle

*Zero* by Wendy Rule  
Sung by Ananda, Temple Musical Ensemble

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

## Together, We Are One

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

Celebrant: Briana  
People: **Together, We Are One**

## **Mabon** by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

## **Spirit Amazon** by Lyssa

Spoken Word: Inanna & Kamala

## Facilitators

Adele Shakal	Ananda
Briana Murray	Caitlin
CandyJo Dahlstrom	Carolyn Potter
Christine Papalexis	Haize Rosen
Inanna	Kamala
Kitty McCormick	Lianna Nakashima
Mnajdra	Pythia
RA	Xia

## Temple of the Goddess Choir

Adele Shakal	Briana Murray
Caitlin	Carolyn Potter
Christine Papalexis	Julie Raftery
Kitty McCormick	Laura Jennings
Lianna Nakashima	Mnajdra
Patrick Cleary	Ananda

## Temple Musical Ensemble

Patrick Cleary, Ananda

**Media Director:** Charles "Beautyseer" Elliott

**Social Network Director:** Joanne Elliott

**Ritual Art Director:** Ruth Ann Anderson

**Choir Director:** Ananda, **Altar Artist:** Caitlin

**Music Director:** Ananda

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

CandyJo, RA, Xia, Adele Shakal

**Lighting:** Briana Murray

**Sound Artists:** Dave Marling, David Jacks

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

**Sacred Offering Giveaways by:** CandyJo Dahlstrom

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

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## Prosperity Blessing

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.

## 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 <b>Blessed Be You</b>	Spirits of Water, the West We honor your gifts Blessed be You <b>Blessed Be You</b>
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Spirits of Fire, the South We honor your gifts Blessed be You <b>Blessed Be You</b>	Spirits of Air, the East We honor your gifts Blessed Be You <b>Blessed Be You</b>
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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 <b>We Remember You</b>	In gratefulness In thankfulness To heal ourselves To heal the Earth We Remember You <b>We Remember You</b>
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Words by Ananda  
Music: Classical Liturgy

**The Mabon** by Damh The Bard  
Sung by Ananda and Patrick Cleary

### **Artemis: Releasing the Green Dragon**

Written and Directed by: Xia; Choreography: Haize  
Storyteller: Christine Papalexis, Artemis: CandyJo  
Dahlstrom; Green Dragon: Haize; People: RA, Pythia,  
Briana Murray, Adele Shakal, Kitty McCormick  
*Creator Destroyer* by Wendy Rule; Sung by Ananda,  
*Evolution* by Wendy Rule; Sung by Patrick Cleary

### **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 Artemis in the Dark Wood and receive her Sacred token to remember the strength and courage you have to stalk and capture your divine destiny. Meet Artemis' Green Dragon and you will be given a dragon rune to remind you that you too are a Guardian of the Earth. Dance your courage, your strength, your destiny. Come dance, dance . . . dance.

### **Communion** - Xia

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

### **Grounding** - *Lammas* by Lisa Thiel

Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir  
Temple Musical Ensemble

### **Prosperity Blessing** - Xia

**Carry the Flame** by Patricia Yates  
Arrangement by Jim Scott  
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.

## **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.**