

Our Summer Solstice myth is a modern retelling of the myth of Amaterasu, the Japanese Sun Goddess, and her brother, Susono'o, the great storm God who learns a lesson in power and passion.



Tonight we would like to give a very special thanks to Tom Armbruster and the Church of Truth Choir and Musicians, an amazing group filled with so many talented spiritual artists. To all the loving folks at Church of Truth, thank you for opening your gracious hearts to Temple of the Goddess.

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2014 Rituals

Autumn Equinox September 20
Hallows Eve November 1

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and our work growing and thriving.**

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Celebrating the Seasons:
Summer Solstice
June 28, 2014



Amaterasu by Jessi Beans

Amaterasu

Myth Magic: The Magic of Passion and Power

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

Summer Solstice Ritual

Facilitators

Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

Pre-Ritual Activity. Open your heart and let the Sun shine in. Feed your Soul. Be brave. Reveal a Summer Wish, Intention, or Goal . . . Manifest your Heart's Burning Desire.

Go To Summer Altar: Place your Sun wishes on the Summer Altar to bask in the Radiant Illumination of Amaterasu and Make It So!
Altar Priestess: Caitlin

Opening Processional- Here Comes The Sun by The Beatles
Sung by combined Church of Truth & Temple of the Goddess Choir
Led by Tom Armbruster, Guitar: Donar
Processors: Temple Facilitators
Sun Goddess Puppet Created by Christine Papalexis

Welcoming/Grounding Meditation – Jeaninne, Rev. Xia

Casting the Circle -*Elemental Chant* by Wendy Rule
Drumming & Sung by Amanda Sargenti

East	Mnajdra & Lianna
South	Jeaninne
West	Christine
North	Brita
Center	Pythia

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess

Led by Isis, Everyone (Text - Page 4)
Lighting Altar Candles – Kamala

Litha (Summer Solstice) by Lisa Thiel
Sung by CoFT & TOG Choirs
Led by Tom Armbruster, Bongoes: Amanda, Guitar: Donar

I am Creating My Life with Magic by Kamala & Rev. Xia
Call and Response (Text- Page 5)

Celebrant: Kamala
People: **I am Creating My Life with Magic**

Shine by Wendy Rule
Sung by CoFT & TOG Choirs
Led by Tom Armbruster, Guitar: Donar

Communion - Rev. Xia
Communion Cookies lovingly baked by the Richardson Family
"We partake of Her body and give thanks,
in remembrance of Her never-ending Circle of Life."

Adele Shakal	Amanda Sargenti
Anya Bershatsky	Brita Richardson
Caitlin	Caroline Potter
Christine Papalexis	Cindy-Roy Komoto
Essence Williams	Gary Mortimer
Isis Silva	Jeaninne Payne
Joanne Elliott	Kamala
Lianna Nakashima	Mark Bershatsky
Mnajdra	Prophet Silva
Pythia	Rich Zitola
Tanya Baumgardener	Taylor Doughtie

Rev. Xia

Special Guest Fire Dancer: Jennifer Otenti

Church of Truth & Temple of the Goddess Choirs

Special Guest Choir & Music Director: Tom Armbruster

Adele Shakal	Amanda Sargenti
Art Blair	Carolyn Potter
Cindy-Roy Komoto	Donar
Gary Mortimer	Hoberleigh Phreigh
Isis Silva	Jane Friday
Jill Augustine Carter	Kieran Sala
Sandi Duncan	Trisha Robere

Musicans

Tom Armbruster, Donar, Amanda Sargenti
Church of Truth Drummers led by Tom Armbruster

After-ritual Garden Refreshment Decoration: Tanya

Temple Production Staff

Ritual Director: Kamala; **Ritual Producers:** Kamala, Pythia, Xia
Ritual Planning Committee: Ananda, Adele, Pythia, Caitlin, RA, CandyJo, Kamala; **Marketing Director:** Charles "Beautyseer" Elliott
Social Network Director: Joanne Elliott; **Ritual Art Director:** Adele
Programs: Miller Sherwood Printing, Mnajdra, Xia, Pythia; **Altar Artist:** Caitlin; **Music & Choir Director:** Ananda; **Sets, Costumes, And Make-up, Masks (SCAMM):** Pythia, Adele, CandyJo, RA
Goddess Throne Created by: Nancy Ann Jones, Fenton Jones;
Sacred Offering Giveaways by: Pythia; **Media Artists:** Les Nakashima, Charles Elliott

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 Creating My Life With Magic

Call and Response

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Kamala & Rev. Xia

Celebrant: Priestess or Priest

People: I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic.
As the Wheel of the Year turns,
I invoke the Magic of the Seasons.
The power of intention, passion, gratitude, gestation.
With will, purpose, and determination I design my destiny.
I Am Creating My Life with Magic.

I Am Creating My Life with Magic.
As the Wheel of the Year turns, I invoke the Magic of Spring
I plant my Dream seeds in the fertile soil of the Mother.
Embracing my Intention, I await renewal and rebirth.
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I Am Creating My Life with Magic.
As the Wheel of the Year turns,
I invoke the Magic of Summer
With desire and the power of passion
I grow my garden with strength, fortitude, and resolve.
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I Am Creating My Life with Magic.
As the Wheel of the Year turns,
I invoke the Magic of Autumn.
With gratitude in my heart, I harvest the Garden of my Life.
I celebrate my bounty and gather the seeds of Magic.
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As the Wheel of the Year turns,
I invoke the Magic of Winter.
I rest in the Stillness of the Dark, dreaming, gestating
I surrender to the Mystery, nourished in the Mother's arms.
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