Tonight, we call upon Ix Chel, Healer, Shaman, Medicine Woman. As both young and old, She is the Mayan Goddess of Earth AND War. Ix Chel, in Her Healer aspect, is Goddess of the Moon, Water, Weaving, and Childbirth. Known as the Midwife of Creation, Ix Chel is also the great Weaver who set the Universe in motion. With Ix Chel's guidance we call forth the Shaman and Healer within to balance the warrior protector of the Earth we conjured at Equinox.



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Celebrating the Seasons: Hallows Eve October 29, 2011



Ix Chel Moon Goddess by Josephine Wall

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

#### Enter the Temple in Sacred Space

*Pre-Ritual Activity:* What do you need healing in your life? *Go to the Ancestor Altar:* Light your Ancestor Candle and leave your healing wishes in Ix Chel's Moon Bowl. Altar Priestess: Caitlin

#### Welcoming/Grounding Prayer – Xia

She Calls to the Soul Seeds by Denise Kester

**Opening -** *Come to the Labyrinth* by: SJ Tucker Sung by Ananda, with Temple Musical Ensemble *Sacred Dancer:* Kamala & Temple Serpents

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

Led by Briana (Page 4) Singing Bowl: David, Lighting Altar Candles – Xia

#### **Casting the Circle**

*Elemental Chant* by Wendy Rule Sung by Ananda & Minni Jo Mazzola, Temple Musical Ensemble

| East   | Mnajdra & Lianna |
|--------|------------------|
| South  | Briana           |
| West   | Kamala           |
| North  | RA               |
| Center | Pythia           |

**Witch's Rune** by SJ Tucker Sung by Temple Choir with Temple Musical Ensemble

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

**Samhain** by Lisa Thiel Sung by Temple Choir, with Temple Musical Ensemble

#### I Am the Weaver of My Life

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

Celebrant: Kamala People: I Am the Weaver of My Life

# **Facilitators**

Adele Shakal Briana Murray Carolyn Potter David Jacks Kitty McCormick Minni Jo Mazzola Pythia Ananda Caitlin Christine Papalexis Kamala Lianna Nakashima Mnajdra RA

# Temple of the Goddess Choir

Xia

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

## **Temple Musical Ensemble**

David Jacks, Patrick Cleary, Ananda

Media Director: Charles "Beautyseer" Elliott Social Network Director: Joanne Elliott Ritual Art Director: Ruth Ann Anderson Music & Choir Director: Ananda, Altar Artist: Caitlin Sets, Costumes, And Make-up, Masks (SCAMM): CandyJo, RA, Adele Shakal, Pythia Lighting: Briana Murray Sound Artists: David Jacks Ancestor Altar Created by: Scott Howey Sacred Offering Giveaways by: CandyJo Dahlstrom Media Artists: Les Nakashima, Roger Nolan, Charles Elliott

#### **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 **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** 

Words by Ananda Music: Classical Liturgy **The Fall** by Oak Chezar Spoken Word Piece - Christine Papalexis

Darkness Darkness by The Youngbloods

Sung by David Jacks, Patrick McCleary, Ananda

## Ix Chel: Quest for the Shaman Within

Written and Directed by: Xia; Narrator: Christine Papalexis, Ix Chel: RA, Maya: Briana; Green Dragon: Adele Shakal; Guardians of the Earth Realm: Kitty, Pythia, Lianna, Mnajdra *If We Could Remember* by Yolanda Adams; Sung by Minni Jo Mazzola, *In the Name of the Dance* by SJ Tucker; Sung by Ananda & Minni Jo Mazzola

## **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 Ix Chel in Her Earth Realm and receive a healing feather wand to remember the Shaman Healer within you. Visit the Tree of Healing and make an offering--your commitment to live as a healer during the coming winter months. Dance your trust, your love.

## Communion - Xia

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

#### Grounding - Requiem by Eliza Gilkyson

Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir Temple Musical Ensemble

Prosperity Blessing - Xia

Hymn To Her - by Chrissie Hynde Sung by Ananda

# **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.
- 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 the Weaver of My Life

Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy by Xia & Stevie St. John

Celebrant: Briana Murray People: I Am the Weaver of My Life.

I am the weaver of my life. Creating a living tapestry With memories of the Past And dreams of the Future. I am the weaver of my life.

I am the weaver of my life. Creating a web To honor the lessons and teachers of days gone by. I am the weaver of my life.

I am the weaver of my life. Creating a web To honor the hopes and dreams of destiny yet to be. I am the weaver of my life.

I am the weaver of my life. Spinning threads of rich experience. One color for my greatest aspirations. Another for the work still left to do. I am the weaver of my life.

I am the weaver of my life. A spider creating my web. One strand celebrates my joys. Another honors my sorrows. I am the weaver of my life.

I am the weaver of my life. Creating a living tapestry With memories of the Past And dreams of the Future. I am the weaver of my life.