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2008 Rituals
All Hallows Eve November 01

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Celebrating the Seasons: Autumn Equinox
September 20, 2008

For information about Temple of the Goddess go to: www.TempleoftheGoddess.org
Enter the Temple in Sacred Space
Go To Harvest Altar – Give Thanks With a Harvest Offering
Music: Howard Hansen on Hammered Dulcimer

Lammas Processional – Lammas by Lisa Thiel
Sung by Goddess Choir & Temple Musical Ensemble
Harvest Mother: Kamala, Daughter of the Earth: Bella
Dancers: Ember & Patrick Humphrey

Welcoming – Xia

Opening the Ancient Temple Doors – Miranda

Casting the Circle
Zero by Wendy Rule
Sung by Anwyn, Piano: Ananda

East Mnajdra & Lianna
South Stevie & Ember
West Briana & Christine
North RA & Kamala
Center Pythia

Guiding Principles of Temple of the Goddess
Read by Temple Young People
Lighting Altar Candles – Xia

Ancient Mother
by Robert Gass, Arranged by: Jim Scott
Sung by: Temple of the Goddess Choir
Piano: Diana Chuang

Unity of Opposites by Xia
Read by: Spencer Doughtie & Xia

Descending to Winter
Cello – Geoffrey Sutton

There Is Power in the Ancient Names
Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy
Names by Clay Gilbert, Adapted by Xia & Pythia
Call and Response (Text– Page 5)

Celebrant: Briana
People: There is power in the ancient names.
Ancient Mother
by Robert Gass
Arrangement by Jim Scott

Ancient Mother, I hear you calling
Ancient Mother, I hear your song
Ancient Mother, I hear your laughter
Ancient Mother, I taste your tears

Goddess Chant:

Ishtar, Cerredwin, Hecate, Inanna, Isis, Artemis,
Sophia, Athena, Coatlicue, Aphrodite, Mielliki, Astarte,
Gaia, Saraswati, Kali, Pele, Paso Wee, Demeter,
Parvati, Hera, Akewa, Diana, Nidaba, Chicomecoatl,
Lilith, Shekhina, Morgana, Maya, Izanami, Shakti

Mabon (Autumn Equinox) by Lisa Thiel
Sung by Temple of the Goddess Choir
Choir Director: Ananda, Guitar: Patrick, Draevyn, Greenman

We Are the Storytellers: A Journey of Balance
Remembering Maat & Anubis
Written by: Xia & Pythia, Directed by: Ember Morgaine
Soundscape: Temple Musicians
Drummer: Miranda Rondeau
Storytellers/Reveilers/Apparitions: Patrick, Morfreyja, Spencer, Ember, Kamala
Narrator: Christine
Ako/Atum: David Jacks
Maat, Egyptian Goddess of Balance & Truth: Marisa Gold
Daughter of Maat: Bella
Anubis, Egyptian God, Guardian & Guide: Dylan Booth Vigus

Ritual Enactment Through Drum & Dance
As the myth comes to an end you will be invited to join us
in dance, in movement, in contemplation. Visit the altars,
in any order that you wish. Visit Maat on Her throne, and
receive a Feather of Truth to remind you to keep your
heart light. Seek Anubis for a Pouch of Balance to remind
you to choose your burdens and tasks with wisdom. Walk
across the Chasm of Truth and remember your divine
heritage of balance in all things. Come dance the joy of
balance. Dance, remember your divine legacy, and
celebrate the divine nature of all things.

Dante’s Prayer by Loreena McKennitt
Sung by: Morfreyja
Guitar: Ananda, Flute: David Jacks

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

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”
Lammas (Harvest Song)
by Lisa Thiel

Give thanks for the blessings, give thanks for the lessons
Give thanks for all that the Goddess Provides
Give thanks for this showing our dreams are now growing
Give thanks for the presence of the Goddess in our lives

Refrain:
Thank You, Thank you, O Great Mother Thank You . . .

With the first Green Corn our dreams are now taking form
We ask for the strength to see the true harvest born
Mother of the Corn, of Hoof, and of Horn
We thank you for the Bounty you've brought to our door

Mother of the Grain, of the Sun and of the Rain
We pray for an abundant Harvest again
We give thanks for the Blessings, give thanks for the lessons
We give thanks for all that the Goddess Provides

Unity of Opposites
by Xia

You are the light. – I am the dark.
I am the light. – You are the dark.
I am the flame. – I am the breath that feeds the flame.
I am the ebb. – I am the flow.
I am the seed seeking the light. – I am the nurturing dark of the soil.
I am the sun. – I am the moon.
I am man. – I am woman.
I am Yang. – I am Yin.
I am the Son of the Goddess. – I am the Mother of the God.
I am the dark. – You are the light.
You are the light. – I am the dark.
As above. – So below.
As within. – So without.
All truths are half-truths. – All paradoxes are reconciled.
Life is the dance of balance. – Life is the dance of balance.
Come dance the dance of balance. – Come dance the dance of balance.

Dante’s Prayer
by Loreena McKennitt

When the dark wood fell before me
And all the paths were overgrown
When the priests of pride say there is no other way
I tilled the sorrows of stone

I did not believe because I could not see
Though you came to me in the night
When the dawn seemed forever lost
You showed me your love in the light of the stars

Cast your eyes on the ocean
Cast your soul to the sea
When the dark night seems endless
Please remember me

Then the mountain rose before me
By the deep well of desire
From the fountain of forgiveness
Beyond the ice and fire

Cast your eyes on the ocean
Cast your soul to the sea
When the dark night seems endless
Please remember me

Though we share this humble path, alone
How fragile is the heart
Oh give these clay feet wings to fly
To touch the face of the stars

Breathe life into this feeble heart
Lift this mortal veil of fear
Take these crumbled hopes, etched with tears
We'll rise above these earthly cares

Cast your eyes on the ocean
Cast your soul to the sea
When the dark night seems endless
Please remember me
Please remember me
**Zero** by Wendy Rule

Rise softly Eastern sky  
Gateway to an inner world  
Open the day and close the night  
And life will flow through you  
Now I see before me swirling element of air  
A purple sky to kiss the night goodbye and then  
The winds of birth, of change, flow gently through my hair  
All space is Here All time is Now  
Zero/Spirit

So burn brightly Southern sky  
Summer blue and glorious  
A zenith sun ignites your eye  
And fire flows through you  
Now I feel before me warming mind and soul and skin  
The cosmic fire fuels the fire deep within  
With wand in hand beneath the summer flames I’ll sing  
All space is Here All time is Now  
Zero/Spirit

Melt slowly western sky  
Back drop to this shadow world  
All life is danced before your eyes  
And birds, they cut through you.  
Now I see before me curved horizon like a cup  
To catch the twilight that the sky is giving up  
And love and pain and hope and fear and joy erupt.  
All space is Here All time is Now  
Zero/Spirit

So shine coldly Northern sky  
Winter night so beautiful  
A waning moon, embroidered stars  
To navigate the winter  
Now I hear before me silence old and cold and clear  
A hermit song, a sigh of earth, of pressing years  
But winter sun you offer so much more than fear (yeah, yeah)  
All space is Here All time is Now  
Zero

So cosmic Universe, spiraling here with us,  
Everything you know. Sky above and earth below.  
Open each door and the elements four  
will join hands, and they’ll dance.  
They’ll join hands, and they’ll dance  
they’ll join hands, and they’ll dance in a zero  
Zero, spirit, zero, spirit

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**There Is Still Power In the Ancient Names**  
Spoken Word Goddess Liturgy  
*Names* by Clay Gilbert, Adapted by Pythia & Xia

Celebrant: Briana Murray  
People: These words, remembered, wake her.

There is still power in the ancient names  
Forgotten, she does not die,  
but sleeps, whispering in her dreams  
These words, remembered, wake her.

There is still power in the ancient names  
surrounded by concrete  
In the midst of an urban jungle  
These words, remembered, wake Her.

There is still power in the ancient names-  
Isis, Astarte, Diana-  
As we call, chant, and pray  
These words, remembered, wake Her.

There is still power in the ancient names  
No grove beneath our feet,  
only the rough skin of gravel and concrete  
These words, remembered, wake Her.

There is still power in the ancient names  
Every breeze whispers Her name.  
Every moonbeam holds Her spirit.  
These words, remembered, wake Her.

There is still power in the ancient names  
as we sound them forth  
Hecate, Demeter, Kali-  
These words, remembered, wake Her.

There is still power in the ancient names  
No longer forgotten, She sleeps by the roadside  
Surrounded by technology.  
These words, remembered, wake Her.

There is still power in the ancient names.  
These words, remembered, wake Her.
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.

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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
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
Spirits of Air, the East
We honor your gifts
Blessed Be You
Blessed Be You

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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
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

We Remember You
We Remember You

Words by Ananda
Music: Classical Liturgy