

Summer Solstice Ritual

Welcome

Temple of the Goddess Principles

Invocation to the Sun by Chokae'

Calling in the Ancients Ones to Open the Temple Doors

Sung by Berit Jordahl & Ananda

Awakening the Sun Goddess

Flute by Ananda

Procession of Sun Goddess and Her Attendants

Casting the Circle

Solstice Meditation by Sun Goddess

Gifts to the Sun Goddess

"Hymn to Her" by Chrissie Hynde

Sung by Berit Jordahl & Ananda

Fiery Offering from the Flamenco Guitar

of Fritz Heede

Sun Goddess Accepts Our Gifts and Returns Our Love with Her Gift

Breath of the Sun – *FIRE*

Fire Dancing by *Raiden from Inferno, Inc.*

Spoken Word and Dance

"Shadows of the Burning: The Lunar Cycle"
by Marge Piercy (*Excerpted*)

Dancer – *Bella Saphira*

Musicians – *Chokae', Berit Jordahl & Ananda*

Enactment

As the dance and story ends, you are invited to come into the circle and dance. Facilitators will circulate with sacraments (pieces of paper) which you can endow as the weeds you wish to prune from the Garden of your Life.

As the music plays, dance, move, or remain seated in meditation—whatever is most comfortable for you. The intent is to name what is holding back your growth, fulfillment, and the manifestation of your personal harvest—it could be a new project or job, a new relationship, whatever hopes or dreams you have planted in the garden of your heart-space. When you are ready, you may sacramentally discard your weeds into the Fire Bowl in the center circle.

While the music continues, you will then be invited to take another sacrament (potpourri) from the facilitators and endow this symbol with what you need to fertilize the Garden of your Life. It represents what you can do to bring about the manifestation of your personal harvest. You can dance or sit in meditation with your sacrament to personally endow it, after which you may add it to one of the Temple Gardens on the altar. Then make your way back to your seat while others finish their enactment.

Sending Community Intentions Out – Circle Chant

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"

"You Are the Sunshine of My Life" by Stevie Wonder

Sung by Ananda and Community

Temple Thanks and Announcements

Feast

SPECIAL NOTE: Inferno, Inc. will be doing another Fire Dance Performance at 8:45 in ritual circle.

Facilitators

Ananda	Ana-Diaz Ruiz
Bella Saphira	Berit Jordahl
Cary Edgerton	Chokae'
Catherine Cundy	Fritz Heede
Jeanette Oki	Karen Tate
Karen Rosenhoover	Meloney Hudson
Nijole Sparkis	Onamare
Pythia	Ruth Ann Anderson
Zachary Tatum-Nolan	Xia

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SPOKEN WORD

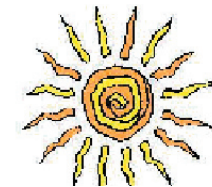
*Come into the fire, come in,
come in, dance in the flames of the festival
of the strongest sun at the mountain top
of the year when the wheel starts down.
Dance through me as I through you.
Here in the heart of fire in the caves
of the ancient body we are aligned.
Our cells are burning
each a little furnace powered by the sun
and the moon pulls the sea of our blood.
This night the sun and moon dance
and you and I dance in the fire of which
we are the logs, the matches and the flames.*

—Marge Piercy, from
“Shadows of the Burning: The Lunar Cycle”



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“The world of humanity is possessed of two wings:
the male and the female.
So long as these two wings
are not equivalent in strength,
the bird will not fly.”

Abdul-Baha, 1912