

The Ceremony for Baptism

Draw closer now. There is an old African proverb that the village raises the child. That is why we are here today, to see and greet our new responsibility; and to welcome the child into the community of humans.

Who are the parents of this child? We are.

What name do you give the child?

What do you wish for this child from the will of God? Baptism.

Who are the God parents? We are.

Do you acknowledge your special relationship to the child? Will you provide him/her with guidance and knowledge, will you teach him/her what is right and what is wrong?

Will you treat this child with true forgiveness and show her/him Love? We Will.

This water was selected through me to represent the miracle of God's work on earth; when form came from the void, when creatures came to the land; water was the means and the substance. It represents our beginnings, it awaits our endings, it carries life as truly as life itself.

(the anointment) In the name God, creator and preserver of all life. In the name of all mankind who honor God. In the name of the sacred spirit which moves us all. I call you NAME and welcome you. I say you are free to come with us and become-- to live and love as best you can. And I tell you all to go with love, and to go with God, because surely God is Love. Amen.