

## **Subject: Christening Ceremony**

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Christening is an outward ritual intended to reveal an inward unity of Spirit. Through the ceremony, we are recognizing the inherent divinity of the one christened. And, it is a charge to each one being christened that they will hold themselves in a light of light of wholeness.

Specifically, in our christening ceremony, a rose is dipped in water, and then touched to the forehead of the one being christened. So the family is asked to bring a rose to the ceremony.

On    (date)                  , Rev.                    will offer during the regular worship service a christening ceremony to those desiring this blessing. If you would like to speak to him/her more about the meaning and logistics of the ceremony please contact him/her at the church,                   .

Or, if you wish, you can just let us know the morning of the ceremony that you would like to be included in this blessing. (Remember to bring a rose!) Please be at the church by     a.m. on that day, and let someone know of your desire to be christened. We'll instruct you then about the logistics of the ceremony.

In the meantime, know now that you are blessed and you are a blessing.

## Christening Preparation

### Questions to ask parents:

Will both parents be present?

Are there brothers or sisters present?

Godparents?

Grandparents present? Participating?

Other family members participating?

Seating of family

Child's dress

Parents on my right; Godparents on my left.

One parent holding child; the other parent holding rose.

Water behind me

Perhaps a song

I'll hold the child at christening time, if it's okay

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This morning is very special in that we are christening someone in our spiritual family, and in so doing we are welcoming into our community a son/daughter of God....

The rite of christening is a recognition of the loving Presence and Infinite Power in the life of each of us. The seed of Perfection is implanted within us all, and it awaits only the outpouring of truth for the complete expression of God's good in our life.

So, this morning as we bless in particular this precious soul, I want us all to know that this blessing touches everyone -- because we understand that there is only one life in which we all share.

So we thank the \_\_\_\_\_ family, because this spiritual awakening...this commitment that you are making...this consecration...blesses us all. And the work that you are doing this morning, you are doing for all of us.

And as we behold the pure essence of this child, we can hear Life affirming, "This spark of light; it must become a flame. Breath of God, it is my aim to calmly tend this light and make it burn brightly. The air that nourishes this tender glow is love. It quickens me. This light shall grow."

So this baptism is an outward ritual intended to reveal an inward unity of Spirit.

We recognize that this child – indeed every person – is a divine creation, coming forth from God. And that Spirit's perfection is the very essence of him/her. Baptism signifies the immersion of the human in the divine life stream, our oneness with God. This ritual symbolizes that this precious soul, on (his or her) grand adventure of life, has (his or her) being within the consciousness of God, and will always be in an all-embracing circle of divine love.

And to the parents of our children who are to be christened, in presenting your son/daughter for christening, remember that you also are immersed in pure Spirit, and that you are a creative expression of God. So, parents, your charge is to conduct your own lives, so that not only by word, but by example your child may learn to live joyously, creatively, and harmoniously with divine principle.

And to teach your children the truth of being, that they may realize their unity with God, and all that implies.

Godparents, you are not only charged with faithfulness to the ideals stated to the parents, but you also have the responsibility of seeing to the spiritual welfare of the children should the need arise, and you need to stand in place as friend and counselor to the child. So the same charge is given to the godparents: that you also live your life, not only by word, but by example, that these children may grow to be the spiritually highest and best.

This morning, you are...we all are blessed. (Song: Blessed)  
(Have individuals/families come to the platform one at a time. Give water to parent. Take child.)

What name is given to this child?

\_\_\_\_\_, it is my privilege to introduce you to this fellowship, and to formally welcome you into our spiritual family.

\_\_\_\_\_, I christen you in the name of the Father, which is the one Life in which we all live, move, and have our being; the son, which is your unique expression of this life; and the Holy Spirit, the creative principle that surrounds you. Bless you.

Let us pray. Infinite Spirit, we bless the heart and soul and life of each

individual...of all God's children, recognizing that they are ever one with thee and affirming that they live their life according to their potential. God, I dedicate these loving souls, to thy care, that thy perfect Intelligence may inspire them and thy unfailing love shall guide them into ways of peace, prosperity, and joy. And so it is. Amen.