



The Baptism of Janaad Allen Chimdiebere Iro

*At the conclusion of the sermon, all stand as able
to sing the baptismal hymn while
the family comes forward.*

Baptismal Hymn: LEVAS #143 Wade in the Water

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Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter, chil-dren. Wade in the wa - ter,
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God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. See that host all dressed in white
God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Look o-ver yonder, what do I see?
God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed.



God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. The lead-er looks like the Is - ra - elite.
God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Looks like the hand that Mo - ses led,
God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. The Ho - ly Ghost a coming on me,
God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,



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The Celebrant says: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Godparents and Parents say:

I present Janaad Allen Chimdiebere Iro to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents on behalf of the child.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Janaad in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for Janaad who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver Janaad O Lord, from the way of sin and death: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill Janaad with your holy and life-giving Spirit: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring Janaad the fullness of your peace and glory: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Janaad, child of God, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Janaad, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Holy and Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**