

Sacred Pipe Ceremony: A Timeless Sacrament

Public and Private Rituals by Rev. Angela Blessing



“The power of prayer continues to be the most universal yet deeply personal spiritual practice available to us, providing direct and palpable connection to Spirit and our heart’s truest desires.”

- Rev, Angela Blessing

Sacred Pipe Ceremony

Pipe Ceremony is an ancient tradition shared by many indigenous people throughout time. The ways of the *Chanupa* (Sacred Pipe) were brought to the Native People of the Great Plains by White Buffalo Calf Woman. She showed us how to pray and enter a space of holiness, *Wakan Eleho*, using this magical tool. A Medicine Pipe rich with universal and totemic symbology acts as an amplifier and focalizer of prayerful intentionality. Participation is awe inspiring and profound in its power to unify, manifest, and heal. Smoking the Sacred Pipe in the Old Ways allows us a direct experience of Divinity and the Natural World as conscious, respectful participants in Creation.

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The Experience

In a pipe ceremony offered by Rev. Angela Blessing, a mystical fusion of past and future meet in a gentle tribal deepening into our magical and spiritual nature. Guests will be welcomed into a sacred space graced with the sweet sound of cedar flute and drum, while an intriguing altar is laid out, a medicine wheel of sage and crystal. Before we begin, sweetgrass is offered and there is a brief introduction explaining the history, purpose and protocol of this practice. Then, the Pipe and is unwrapped and brought forth from the beautiful skins and beaded bags where they are stored. Before the pipe is loaded, the male(stem) and female(bowl) aspects are joined and blessed ceremoniously while the ancient Lakota pipe-filling song is sung to the Directions, commanding the attention, inviting the Spirits. As we pass the Pipe, an object of breathtaking beauty and spiritual presence in itself, heart-melting prayers, songs and blessings are offered up. And so we honor the Ancestors, the Land, our family, our community, ourselves, and Creation.

When is Pipe Ceremony Appropriate?

It is always a good time to sit and pray as community or in solitude. This ceremony is also helpful and poignant in many Celebrations and Rites of Passage, such as weddings, births, blessing new beginnings, honoring one who has passed, or creating a shared group intention. In Native tradition, the Pipe is used both as a daily practice as well as in formal rituals or meetings. This form of Pipe Ceremony can accommodate very large groups, intimate gatherings or be performed remotely. Ideally when there are 80 or less participants, each has the opportunity to personally hold the Pipe, pray and consecrate.

About Rev. Angela Blessing

Angela, Ceremonialist of 13 years, Pipe Carrier, Ordained Minister, and Co-founder of Temple of Yes, is an eclectic practitioner of spiritual traditions of diverse origins. Her ceremonies are lovingly and intentionally crafted to create maximum opportunity for joy, insight, healing, and a direct experience of the Divine. She is a gentle, graceful guide into the world of natural magic and non-denominational spirituality; a dedicated Life Artist creating through community, talismanic objects, music and media.



Testimonials

“I had a profound experience of connection to Mother Earth. Her [pipe] ceremony is an exquisite expression of Love and Service.”

- Scott Catamas, Producer/Director
EMMY Award Winner

“The Power and Beauty Angela's Sacred Pipe carries, allowed me to open completely in humbleness to our Great Creator, while I offered prayers from the deepest part of my heart.”

- Celestine Star, Iroquois Nation, Medicine Woman, Medicine Wheel Keeper, Priestess and Healer

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