

## **Baptismal Service**

**Confession:** Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and resurrected Lord?

**Hymn(s):** *Come Holy Spirit Guest Divine*

**In the baptistry**

**Reader:** Put to death what is earthly in you.

**Congregation:** Put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, foul talk and untruthfulness.

**Reader:** The world walks in these, but you must now put them all away.

**Baptism occurs**— “Upon your confession . . .” (includes “Son of God,” Christ,” and “Lord”). Baptismal statement incorporates “forgiveness of sins” and “reception of the Holy Spirit.” Newly baptized remains in the baptistry.

**Reader:** Awake, O Sleeper, and arise from the Dead.

**Congregation:** And Christ will give you light.

**Reader:** Put on then, as God’s chosen one(s),

**Congregation:** Compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience. As the Lord forgives you, you must also forgive others.

**Reader:** Above all, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Congregation:** And let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

**Prayer:** Prayer for newly baptized and for the baptized community, the church.

**Hymn(s):** *We Bless the Name of Christ the Lord*

The New Testament contains portions of early Christian instruction, confessional or hymnic phrases, and texts reflecting Christian baptismal practices. The above baptismal service incorporates baptismal texts from Col. 3 and Eph. 5. AGST Sermon Seminar, May 2007