

Using Music and Visual Arts

Consider using congregational song during and surrounding baptism and other baptismal rites. Music may be used to prepare for the liturgy, as prayer during the liturgy, as a way of presenting the baptized to a congregation, or as a way of affirming one's baptism. Such congregational songs are included in the *Sing Prayer, Sing Praise!* CD and songbook. Selections especially appropriate include: "Santo Espíritu! (Holy Spirit)," "Come and Fill," "Pour Out Your Spirit," "When I Was Baptized," "Cuando desciendo (As I Descend in the Waters)," and "This Is My Child."

Similar to music, visual images may be used throughout baptismal rites, not only as an enhancement, but as liturgy itself. Refer to the last portion of the resource to see how visual images might be used in worship and about visual images found on *Words and Images for Worship* CD-ROM. The following visual images might be especially helpful with baptismal rites: "Baptism at Elisha Spring, Jericho" by Jane Denbo, "Celeste #1" by Colleen Meacham, "Celebrant" by Timothy Lowly, "Sharon's Blessing" by Bernard Hoyes, and "Flowing Water" distributed by Intuitivmedia.