

P. ^{Em} O God, through the sacramental signs ^{Am}
^{B7}
 you work with invisible power
^{Em}
 the wonders of salvation.
^{Am}
 And in many ways, through the ages,
^B ^C
 you have prepared the water your creature
^{B7}
 to be a sign of baptism.
^{Em}
 Since the beginning your Spirit
^{Am} ^{B7}
 has hovered over the waters
 so that they could contain
 the strength to sanctify.
^{Em}
 And also in the flood
^{Am} ^{B7}
 you have prefigured baptism
^{Em}
 so that today as then
^D ^C
 the water would make an end of sin
^{B7}
 and the beginning of the new life.
^{Em} ^D
 You freed from slavery the sons of Abraham
^{Em}
 making them pass unhurt through the Red Sea,
^D
 to be an image of the people to come
^{Em}
 born through baptism.

Then in the fullness of time ^D
^{Em}
 your Son
^D
 baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,
^{Em}
 was consecrated by the Holy Spirit.
^D
 Lifted up on the cross
^C
 He shed from His side
^{B7}
 blood and water
^{Em} ^D
 A. LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS
^C
 HE SHED FROM HIS SIDE
^{B7}
 BLOOD AND WATER.
^{Em} ^D
 P. And after his resurrection
^{Em}
 he told his disciples:
^D ^{Em}
 Go forth, announce the Gospel to all nations
^D
 and baptize them in the name of the Father
^C ^{B7}
 and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
^{Em} ^D
 A. AND BAPTIZE THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER
^C ^{B7}
 AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT