



SOMETIMES BY STEP

Sometimes the night was beautiful
Sometimes the sky was so far away
Sometimes it seemed so steep, so close
You could touch it, but your heart would break
Sometimes the morning came too soon
Sometimes the day could be so hard
There was so much work left to do
But so much you'd already done

**Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days**

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory! Glory to God!
Glory in the highest!
Glory! Glory to God!
Glory to God Most high!**

O God, Holy One,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory!

O Lord, Jesus Christ,
Holy One, Redeemer,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world.

You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High, God,
with the Spirit in the glory of God!

FIRST READING (ISAIAH 25:6-10A)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us

rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

PSALM 23: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

**And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

SECOND READING (PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20)

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA (RECEIVE THE POWER)

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Receive the power from the Holy Spirit
Alleluia, Alleluia
Receive the power to be a light unto the world**

GOSPEL READING (MATTHEW 22:1-14)

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and

everything is ready; come to the feast.” Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (TOM BOOTH)

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and of the earth?

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!
Amen, we do believe!

Do you believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
Who was born of the Virgin Mary,
Was crucified, and died, and was buried?
Yet he rose from the dead
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints
The forgiveness of sins
Resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Praise God!

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

STRONG ENOUGH

You must, you must think I'm strong
To give me what I'm going through
Well, forgive me, forgive me if I'm wrong
But this looks like more than I can do, on my own

**I know I'm not strong enough to be
Everything that I'm supposed to be
I give up, I'm not strong enough
Hands of mercy won't you cover me
Lord right now I'm asking you to be
Strong enough, Strong enough
For the both of us**

Well, maybe, maybe that's the point
To reach the point of giving up
Cause when I'm finally, finally at rock bottom
Well, that's when I start looking up, and reaching out

Cause I'm broken, down to nothing
But I'm still holding on to the one thing
You are God and You are strong when I am weak

I can do all things

Through Christ who gives me strength

And I don't have to be strong enough, strong enough

A RIGHTFUL PLACE

**Let us live our lives so that all might see
That our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee
Let us build Your kingdom in truth and grace
So that all might know they have a rightful place**

Beauty ever ancient and new
Breaking through our deafness so we hear You
Shattering the darkness of night
A new dawn is rising to bring Your light
To all the world

To gather in Your presence we came
To be one in spirit in truth and name
Strengthened by the body of Christ
Taking up the call now to share Your light
With all the world