

A Celebration of Thanksgiving
For the Life of
- Bob Libbey -



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A SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

OPENING HYMN – *One Bread One Body*

J.B. Foley

Descant
Melody

One bread, _____ one bod-y, _____ one Lord of all, _____

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. _____ And we, _____ though

man-y, _____ through-out the earth, _____ we are one bod - y in this

A
D
D7
1-3
to Verses
Final

rit.
a tempo
a tempo

G
C/G
G
C/G
G
D/F#
G
C/G
G
C/G

one _____ Lord. _____ Lord. _____

G
C/G
G
C/G
G
Em
D
Em

rit.
Fine
Melody
marcato
VERSESES: Slightly faster, with excitement (♩ = ca. 72)

Harmony
 1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
 2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

D
Em
F
Am
rit.
D
D7
D.C.

1. free, wom-an or man, no more.
 2. works, one in the Lord of all.
 3. grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9; John Foley, S.J., b. 1939.
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Opening

All stand as they are able

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,

even though he die.

And everyone who has life,

and has committed himself to me in faith,

shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;

and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him

who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,

and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

We have come here today to remember before God our brother Bob,
to give thanks for his life; to commend his to God our merciful
redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief.

Collect

Priest *May God be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Priest *Let us pray.*

O God of grace and glory,
we remember Bob before you
and thank you for giving him to us to know and to love
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your compassion, console those who mourn.
Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
in the victory of Christ
so that we may live in confidence and hope
until, by your call, we are gathered
into the company of all your saints;
by the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:
Deal graciously with Bob's family in their grief.
Surround them with your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

First Reading – *Wisdom 3:1-5,9*

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 – *The Emergent Psalter*

Antiphon

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev - er.

God, is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

God renews my life
and guides me along right pathways
for the sake of God's Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Antiphon

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God
forever.

Antiphon

Second Reading – Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn – *How Great Thou Art*

Soloist: Mary LaFever

The congregation is encouraged to join for the refrain.

Verse 1: Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

REFRAIN:



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:_____ How great Thou
art,_____ how great Thou art!_____ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to
Thee:_____ How great Thou art,_____ how great Thou art!_____

Verse 2: When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

REFRAIN

Verse 3: And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

REFRAIN

Verse 4: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
To take me home, What joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim my God how great thou art!

REFRAIN

The Gospel – *Matthew 11:25-30*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – *Rev. Michael Burke*

Remembrances

*Mike Samson, Bob Bradley, Mike McCormack, Rachel Lawson,
Kathleen Dotten, Karol Libbey, David Tiffany*

The Apostles Creed

All stand as they are able

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim the faith and say.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Prayers

For our brother Bob, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Bob, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother Bob eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give Bob fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant Bob a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept

Father of all, we pray to you for Bob, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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Bob Libbey Memorial Fund for Outreach Ministries.*

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godsviiew.org and selecting the Bob Libby Memorial Fund in the drop down menu;
or by donation in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

As able, all stand or kneel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who has become for us the bridge and way into your perpetual life and light; and who is our hope, our strength, and our joy, even through the valley of the shadow of death, delivering us from fear and calling us to our eternal inheritance.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. *Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

A Priest continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,

and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me." 🛎️🛎️🛎️

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.” 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, and to come to the altar rail.
Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing.
Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.
If you are unable to travel to the altar rail, communion can be brought to you.*

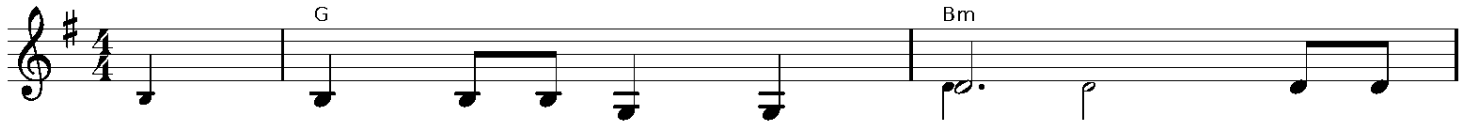
COMMUNION MUSIC

*I Am the Bread of Life,
Deep Settled Peace,
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Music begins on next page.*

I Am the Bread of Life

Text: John 6, adapt. S. Suzanne Toolan, SM, b. 1927
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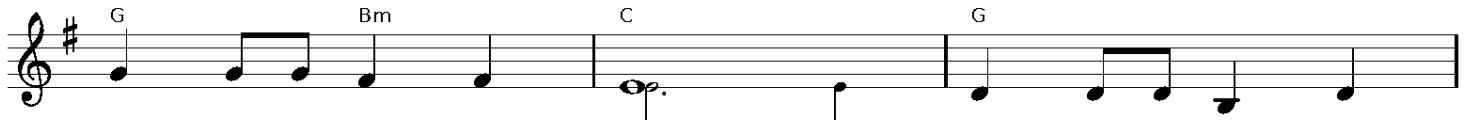
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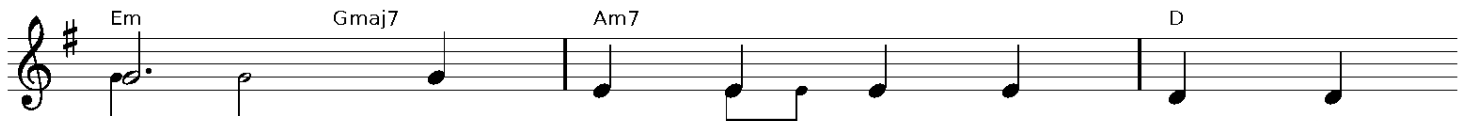
1. "I am the bread of life. He who
 2. "The bread that I will give is My
 3. "Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
 4. "I am the res - sur - rec - tion, _____
 5. Yes, Lord, _____ we be - lieve that _____



comes to me shall not _____ hun - ger. He who be -
 flesh for the life of the world. _____ And he who
 flesh of the Son of _____ Man, _____ and _____
 I _____ am the _____ life. He who be -
 You _____ are the _____ Christ, _____ the _____



lieves in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eats _____ of this bread, he shall live for -
 drink _____ of his blood and drink _____ of his
 lieves _____ in _____ me, e - ven _____ if he
 Son _____ of _____ God, who _____ has _____



me un - less the _____ Fa - ther draws them."
 ev - er, _____ he shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die _____ he shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to _____ the _____ world. _____



"And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,



and I will raise them up on the last day."

Deep Settled Peace

*Chorus: There's a deep settled peace in my soul,
I've been redeemed and made whole,
I've been washed in the blood of the lamb,
And I know I understand...that deep settled peace in my soul.*

*Verse 1: I had no refuge for my soul,
Until I heard that story told,
Now I'm in the shepherd's fold,
And there's a deep settled peace in my soul.*

Chorus

*Verse 2: Let not your heart be troubled so,
If to Jesus you will go,
Through him you'll learn to know,
That deep settled peace in your soul.*

Chorus

*Verse 3: And when death around you lies,
And you must cross that great divide,
If you have Jesus by your side,
There'll be a deep settled peace in your soul.*

Chorus

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; and
heard the voice of Je sus say, "Be - hold I free - ly give the__
heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I__ am this dark world's light; look



in your wea - ri__ ness lay down your head up - on__ my breast." I__
liv - ing wa - ter, thir - sty one, stoop down and dr - ink and live." I__
un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your da - y be bright." I__



came to Je - sus as I was, so__ wea - ry__ worn and sad; I__
came to Je - sus and I drank of__ that life giv - ing stream; my
looked to Je - sus and I found in__ him my Star, my Sun; and



found in him a__ rest - ing place and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I__ live in him.
in that light of__ life I'll walk till__ pil - grim days are done.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ,
giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
We pray that this Sacrament
may be for us a comfort in affliction,
and a sign of our inheritance
in that place where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but the joy of true homecoming,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

The Commendation

Let us commend Bob to the mercy of God.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
*where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
For so you ordained when you created us, saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

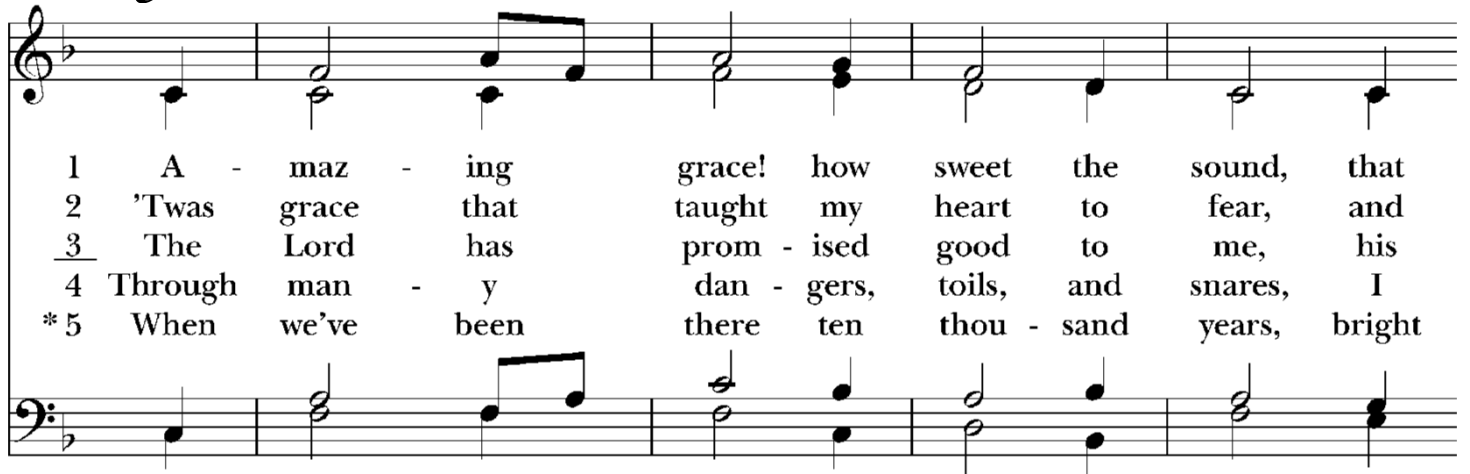
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*where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

The Dismissal

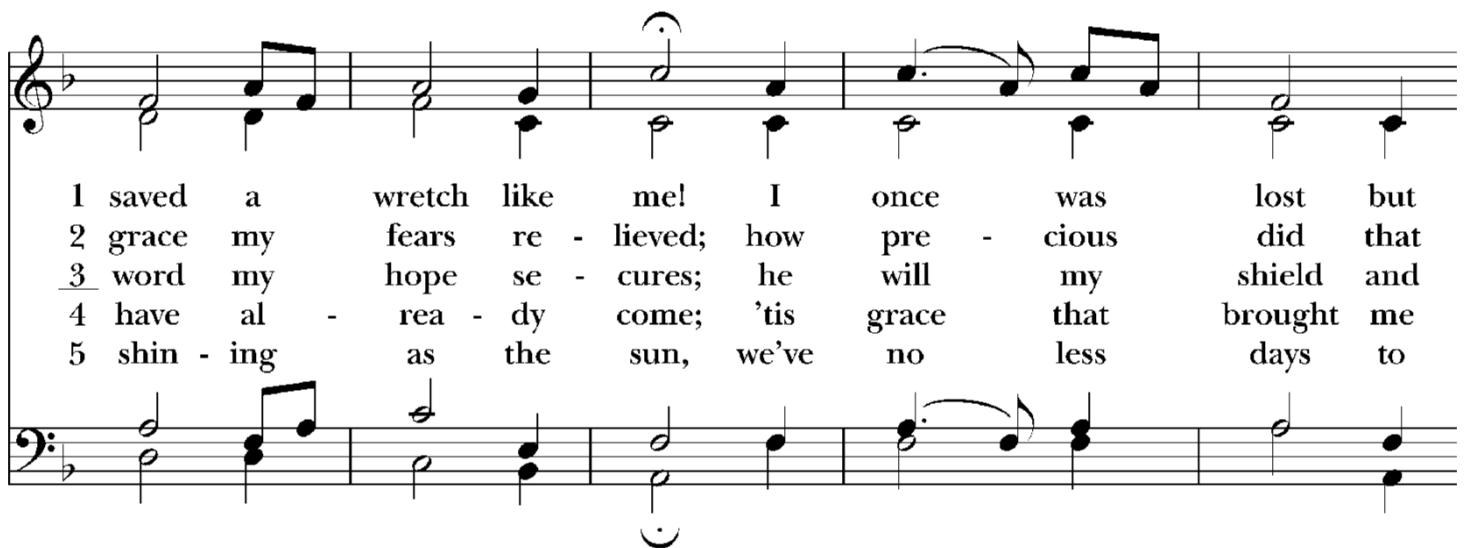
Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
And to run where the brave dare not go*

*To right the unrightable wrong
And to love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star*

*This is my quest
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far*

*To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march, march into Hell
For that Heavenly cause*

*And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest*

*And the world will be better for this
That one man, scorned and covered
with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of
courage*

*To reach the unreachable
The unreachable
The unreachable star*

*And I'll always dream the impossible
dream*

Yes, and I'll reach the unreachable star

-The Impossible Dream-



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