

Faith Is

Text: after Thomas Merton,
(1962, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, pp. 129-130.)

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*"Faith then is not just the grim determination to cling to a certain form of words,
no matter what may happen--
though we must certainly be prepared to defend our creed with our life.
But above all, faith is the opening of an inward eye, the eye of the heart,
to be filled with the presence of Divine light."*

The musical score is set in 3/4 time. The Soprano and Alto parts are currently silent, indicated by horizontal lines on their staves. The Tenor part begins with a piano (p) dynamic and sings the lyrics: "Faith is not just the grim de - ter - min - a - tion to cling to a". The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern of dotted half notes in both the right and left hands, with a slur over each pair of notes.

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5

S

Faith is not just the grim de-ter-min-a-tion

A

T

cer-tain set of words.

8

5

5

11

S

to cling to a cer-tain set of words. Faith is not just the

A

Faith is not

T

8

11

11

18

S
grimde-ter-min-a-tion to cling to a cer-tain set of words.

A
just the grimde-ter-min-a-tion to cling to a cer-tain set of words.

T

8

18

18

24

S
Faith is not just the grim de-ter-min-a-tion to cling

A
Faith is not just the grim de-ter-min-a-tion

T
Faith___ is___ not___ just___ the___

8

24

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4

30

S to a cer-tain set of words.

A to cling to a cer-tain set of words.

T grim de-ter-min-a-tion to cling to a cer-tain set of words.

30

35

S Faith is not just the

A Faith is not just the grim de-ter-min-a-tion

T Faith is not just the grim de-ter-min-a-tion to cling to a

35

39

S
grim de - ter - min - a - tion to cling to a cer - tain set of words.

A
to cling to a cer - tain set of words.

T
cer - tain set of words.

39

43 **Coda**

S

A
Faith re - veals the mind, the

T
Faith is the op' - ning of the mind's eye to God.

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6
47

S
Faith re-veals and re-vels, re-veals and re - vels with God. Faith is the

A
mind of God, re-vels in the mind - of God.

T
8
Faith re - veals, Faith re-vels. Faith re-veals the mind, mind of God.

47

51

S
op' - ning of the mind's eye to ___ God, ___ to ___ God, ___

A
Faith re-veals and re-vels. Faith is the op'-ning op'-ning of the mind's eye to ___

T
8
Faith is the op' - ning to God, ___ Faith is the

51

55

S
Faith is the op' - ning of the mind's eye to God. Faith re-veals and

A
God, ___ to ___ God, ___ to re - vel and re - veal the mind of

T
8
op' - ning of the mind's eye to ___ God, ___ to ___ God. ___ Faith

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S
re - vels in the mind of, in the mind of, ___ God. ___

A
God, ___ to re - veal, ___ God. ___

T
8
re - veals and re ___ vels with, God. ___

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