

As the Flame of Faith is Carried

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ODE TO JOY

1. As the flame of faith is car-ried, as the torch of faith is passed, Reach-ing 'cross the gen - er - a-tions,
2. As the sea-sons spin and fol-low, as our sto-ries long en-dure, Like an ev - er - flo-wing riv-er,
3. May we learn to tell the sto-ry, keep the flame of faith a-blaze; May we strive to keep the Gos-pel

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each re - cei - ving from the last, So the prom-ise to God's peo - ple is re - ceived, then
so the cov - e - nant is pure. In our span of earth - ly liv - ing, as the great or
as the cen - ter of our days. As we keep the faith - ful Spi - rit bright - ly bur - ning,

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han - ded down, In the light of our bap - tis - m, through our fam' - lies, faith is found.
as the least, Still we find in book and ta - ble Christ the Word and Christ the Feast.
lif - ted high, May each gen - er - a - tion fol - low with Christ's light to jour - ney by.