Continue in My Word
SA(T)B and Organ, with opt. Narration and Assembly

John 8:31-36 (RSV)
Martin Luther; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Zebulon M. Highben, ASCAP

Narrator (before music begins): Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him:

Gently (♩ = ca. 72)

Performance Notes:
Narration: This piece may be performed with or without narration. If narration is used, the repeat at measure 20 should be observed as indicated and the narration timed to conclude at the second ending (measure 21). If the narration is not used, ignore the first ending and the repeat.

Voicing: The Tenor part doubles the Alto line, except at measures 28-30, where it doubles the Soprano at the octave. In those three measures, all four parts are desired. Otherwise, choirs with fewer men may eliminate the Tenor line, and choirs with fewer women may replace the Alto line with the Tenor line.

A reproducible Assembly Congregation part is provided on page 11 for measures 32-40 (“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”), so they may join the choir if desired.

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Tune: Measures 32-40, ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1543 (PD).
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"If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples; and..."
and you will know the truth,
and the

you will know the truth,

truth will make you free.

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Narrator: They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”
For if the Son has made you free, for if the
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"For if the
poco marcato

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Son has made you free,
Son has made you free, you will be free in deed.
You will be free indeed.

keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by de -
ceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and
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bring to naught all he has done.
bring to naught all he has done.

molt Rit.
molt Rit.

poco rit.
poco rit.

molt Rit.
molt Rit.

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