**Trust and Obey God's Word** is a general anthem that incorporates the beloved hymn tune *Trust and Obey*. It may be especially appropriate for Lent or Eastertide. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23, Proverbs 3: 5, John 9: 1-41 and Ephesians 5: 8-14. One basic homiletical theme is salvation through faith in God's holy word.

In rehearsal, strive for fluid phrases, articulate diction, and a basic feeling of one pulse per measure. Carefully balance the rich harmonies in mm. 41-47, 70-86 and 104-107. Rehearse these sections on a focused neutral syllable such as "noo," singing unaccompanied until good intonation and blend are achieved.

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