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Composition: **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast** – SATB and organ

Date: 1970

Duration: ?

Partial recording: by ?

Program Note:

This piece is a setting of the chorale *Erhalt un, Herr*, words and music by Martin Luther.

Text:

Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word,
Curb those who fain by craft or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from thy Son,
And set at naught all he hath done.

*Kyrie eleison. Omnipotens genitor.
Deus omnium.*

Lord Jesus Christ, thy power make known,
For thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend thy Christendom, that we
May evermore sing praise to thee.

*Christe eleison. Christe Dei form virtus,
Patris que Sophia, Christe eleison.*

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life. Amen.