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# GLOBAL COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION



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# Commemorating the Reformation

We belong indeed to a privileged generation: it has been given to us, people living in this time of history, to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Standing on the shoulders of those who preceded us, we give thanks for the many gifts that the Reformation has brought to the churches. Rooted in the apostolic faith and nurtured by God's Spirit, we are taken to the threshold of the next 500 years

This commemoration of 500 years takes place on Namibian soil. We are joined by multitudes of our local sisters and brothers. As has been true for the whole Assembly, our Namibian hosts once more overwhelm us with their love and welcoming embrace.

Together, we represent Lutheran churches from all over the world. Together, we witness to the tangible ways that today Reformation is indeed a global citizen. The Reformation message of liberation by grace alone has traveled around the world and in doing so, has transformed the hearts and minds of those who were found by Christ. The good news of justification by faith alone continually announces that God grants new life not because of who we are or what we do but because of who God is and what God does.

In reaching out to new people around the world, the Reformation itself was transformed. New cultures, new worldviews and languages, new songs, tunes and expressions have shaped it and give it today its global profile. The worship that we celebrate will give a taste of this amazing diversity, which makes the LWF communion rich, colorful and beautiful.

We worship together with representatives from our sister churches with whom we have been engaged in ecumenical dialogue for many years. Their presence reminds us of our roots: to be Lutheran

is to be ecumenical. We are all part of an on-going reformation that continues to evolve and renew itself to the point that the conflicts that characterized so much of our interaction with other churches during past centuries is now to be left behind.

The presence of our ecumenical guests fills our hearts with thanksgiving for what God has done among us, and reminds us in powerful ways that we are all different branches of the same vine. We celebrate our worship with a deep sense of ecumenical accountability, always remembering that there is much more that unites us than divides us.

This Reformation Commemoration, as well as the entire Assembly, is a special moment to gather in prayer, seeking God's guidance in discerning the journey that lays ahead of the LWF communion. Nurtured with bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, we receive strength and hope that invites us to step boldly into the next five hundred years and continue to be joyful witnesses of God's liberating grace. Because God is alive, Reformation is ongoing. Because God still wants all to find life in abundance, where justice, peace and reconciliation prevail, God's mission is ongoing.

We are indeed a privileged generation: At the crossroads of the rich history with memories filled with gratitude for those who preceded us and who persevered in faith, we are at the same time invited into a story still to be written, confidently walking into the future that God has prepared for all of us.

Thanksgiving and hope, rooted in history and open towards the future – may God grant us a blessed commemoration of the Reformation anniversary.

*Rev. Dr Martin Junge  
General Secretary, The Lutheran World Federation*

# Worship

## GATHERING

→ Local Choirs and Brass Band

→ Processional

→ Opening Hymns: *A Mighty Fortress* (see p. 5) and *Liberated by God's Grace* (see p. 6)

‣ *Formation of the Luther Rose by confirmation students from parishes in Windhoek.*

→ Hymns are indicated in this format

‣ *Instructions are indicated in this format*

This type is used for one voice

***Bold and italics means the congregation responds together***

Ein fe - ste Burg ist un - ser Gott, ein gu - te Wehr und Waf - fen.  
A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic - to - rious;

Er hilft uns frei aus al - ler Not, die uns jetzt hat be - trof - fen.  
he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.

Der alt bö - se Feind mit Ernst er's jetzt meint; groß Macht und viel List  
The old sa - tan - ic foe, has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might

sein grau - sam Rü - stung ist, auf Erd ist nicht seins - glei - chen.  
he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.

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2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God  
himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning  
to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot  
overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must  
prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4 God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes,  
who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of  
the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or  
spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever.

We're lib - er - at - ed by God's grace. We're lib - er - at - ed by grace. The Son of God re - deemed us

*fine*  
on the cross, we're lib - er - at - ed by God's grace. Cre - a - tion not for sale, hu - mans are not for sale, sal -  
not for sale, not for sale,

*D.S. al fine*  
va - tion is not for sale. Cre - a - tion not for sale, hu - mans are not for sale, for God's sal - va - tion is not for sale.  
not for not for



## GREETING

*LWF President Bishop Munib Younan:* Welcome! Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ who gathers us here from every part of the world. Welcome to this liturgy of Word and sacrament in which we commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! Welcome to our ecumenical guests. Welcome to the representatives of Windhoek and Namibia! Welcome to those who have traveled from nearby countries to be here today. Would you please stand and be recognized. Welcome to everyone coming from the church of Namibia. Would you stand so we can see all of you. Thank you for all your support to make this day possible.

The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation is commemorated in an age of ecumenical accountability. We receive the many fruits of the Reformation and we repent for our wrong doing and division. We engage a spiritual and theological challenge: telling our story from a perspective of unity, not division. The Joint Commemoration in Lund, Sweden marked this new beginning as we move forward in common witness and service with our sisters and brothers in the Catholic Church and other denominations. And now, today, here in Namibia, all of us together, we are a sign that the Reformation is indeed ongoing and a global citizen.

Setswana Traditional melody Botswana

Re a mo le thanks - bo - ga. Re a mo le thanks - bo - ga.  
 We give our thanks to God. We give our thanks to God.

Re a mo le thanks - bo - ga. Mo - di - mo wa ro - na.  
 We give our thanks to God. We give thanks to our God.


English paraphrased by I-to Loh.

2. Ga a yo yo tshwanang le wena. 3x Modimo wa rona.  
 3. Re pholositswe ke wena. 3x Modimo wa rona

2. There is no one like God. 3x There's no one like our God.  
 3. We have been saved by God. 3x We've been saved by our God.

→ Song: *Reamo leboga*

*LWF General Secretary Martin Junge:* As we processed into the stadium, we sang *A Mighty Fortress*, a musical banner of the Reformation down through the centuries, a musical foundation in which Lutherans have identified and taken refuge. Martin Luther based his hymn on Psalm 46, which affirms over and over again that God alone is our refuge, not our music, not the signs of our identity, not our name “Lutheran,” but God alone. Luther’s hymn directs us to God’s Word alone, which paradoxically calls for dismantling the walls and fortresses we would build. We are liberated by God’s grace and not by a fortress. The new song from Namibia joins Luther’s in pointing us towards the next 500 years, towards a future, which we Lutherans boldly affirm is not for sale.



Now we will hear the stories of how God has worked through Lutherans of many times and places. We will be reminded that we are part of both a great heritage and a global communion. The seven testimonies from all the LWF regions speak to the witness of Lutheran churches in many contexts and cultures. Here are stories of encouragement and inspiration. As we listen, we remember the beginnings of faith: we are made new through baptism, washed in the waters of regeneration. We give thanks to God who calls us in this time and place to be God's people full of grace and truth.

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

### Testimony: Nordic Region

‣ *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of faithfulness.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**

### Testimony: Asia Region

‣ *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of love.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**



## Testimony: Africa

› *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of forbearance.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**

## Testimony: North America

› *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of peace and reconciliation.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**

## Testimony: Central Eastern Europe

› *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of joy and freedom in the Spirit.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**

## Testimony: Latin America

› *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of hope.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**

## Testimony: Central Western Europe

› *Water is poured into the font*

*Testimony person:* Washed by the Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of gentleness and kindness.

***In Christ Jesus we are liberated by grace.***

→ **Song: *Wade in the Water* (refrain)**

› *During this last refrain, all the testimony people gather to form a human backdrop to the font.*

¡Glo - ria en lo al - to a Dios y en la tie - rra vi - da nue - va y paz!  
 Glo - ry be to God on high and on earth new life and last - ing peace!  
 Eh - re in der Höh' sei Gott, neu - es Le - ben wird auf Er - den sein.  
 Gloire à Dieu dans les hauts, cieux ! Et sur ter - re vie nou - velle et paix !

¡Glo - ria en lo al - to a Dios y en la tie - rra vi - da nue - va y paz!  
 Glo - ry be to God on high and on earth new life and last - ing peace!  
 Eh - re in der Höh' sei Gott und auf Er - den zieht der Frie - de ein.  
 Gloire à Dieu dans les hauts, cieux ! Et sur ter - re vie nou - velles et paix !

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## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Presider (at the font):* Holy God:

Thanks be to you for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. Praise be to you for all the waters of this earth! In the waters of the Jordan, your beloved child Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. All creation praises you.

### → Sung response: *Gloria en lo alto a Dios (refrain)*

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Jesus has set us free from bondage and has opened to us a whole new creation. Your Word calls all human beings into this freedom. Praise be to you for all those who have responded to your call, Martin and Katharina, and the many witnesses throughout the centuries who live out their baptismal calling in all parts of the world. By your word, you save us from our sin, making of us a new people, turned to your way of mercy, justice, and love.

→ **Sung response: *Gloria en lo alto a Dios* (refrain)**

Thanks be to you for your creative Word by whom new life springs into being. In baptism, you have lifted the burden that oppresses us. Salvation is declared through the forgiveness of sins and reconciliation. In obedience to your mercy, we go forth making disciples in this new creation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

→ **Sung response: *Gloria en lo alto a Dios* (refrain)**

We now continue our worship as we come before God in adoration.

Lord, have mer - cy.      Christ have mer - cy.      Lord have mer - cy.  
Ky - rie\_e - le - i - son.      Chris - te\_e - le - i - son.      Ky - rie\_e - le - i - son.

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## Psalm 130 with Kyrie

Out of the depths, we cry to you O Lord! Hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

→ **Sung response:** *Lord have mercy*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you,

→ **Sung response:** *Lord have mercy*

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love. With you, O God, is great power to redeem.

→ **Sung response:** *Lord have mercy*

→ **Gloria:** *Esimano* (see p. 15)



*Leader* E A E A *Choir* E A E A

E - si - ma - no lya-Ka - lu - nga no - mbi - li ko - mba - nda ye - vi.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace to all peo - ple in the world!

*Leader* E A E A *Choir* E A E A

E - si - ma - no mo-ko - mba - da no - mbi - li ko - mba - nda ye - vi.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace to all peo - ple in the world!

*All together* E A E A E A E A

Hal - le - lu - ya Hal - le - lu - ya no - mbi - li ko - mba - nda ye - vi.  
 Hal - le - lu - ya, hal - le - lu - ya! Peace to all peo - ple in the world!



## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***And also with you!***

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

▸ *(brief silence)*

God, renewer of life and only reformer, you surround us with a great cloud of witnesses throughout time and place whom you have called into your work, witnessing to your Gospel of liberation by grace alone. Continue now to raise up witness for your work of renewal and reform that we may all grow more deeply into that mystery of communion that is your church. Come now and sustain the on-going reformation of your church. We ask this all through your child Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

→ **Children's Choir: First verse of the *Soli***

## WORD

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God! Word of life!

***Thanks be to God!***

→ **Children’s Choir: Second verse of the *Soli***

## Psalm 51

► Read alternately using the hymn verses as antiphon

→ Hymn: *Kosketa Jumalan*

Pia Perkiö Ilkka Kuusisto: Finland

Kos - ke - ta, Ju - ma - lan Hen - ki, sy - väl - le sy - dä - meen.  
Touch me, God's Spi - rit, and soothe me Deep in my re - stless soul.

Sin - ne pai - na hil - jaa luot - ta - mus Jee - suk - seen.  
Give me trust in Je - sus. Heal me and make me whole.

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2. Kosketa, Jumalan Henki, Kosketa, kirkkaus!  
Anna elämälle suunta ja tarkoitus.

3. Rohkaise minua, Henki, murena pelkoni.  
Tässä maailmassa osoita paikkani.

4. Valaise, Jumalan Henki, silmäni aukaise,  
että voisin olla ystävä toisille.

5. Kosketa minua, Henki! Herätä kiittämään,  
sinun lähelläsi armosta elämään.

2. Touch me, God's Spirit eternal. Touch me, resplendent Light.  
Give my life new meaning, show me the true and right.

3. Spirit of God, give me courage, banish my doubts and fears.  
Show me my vocation through all my days and years.

4. Spirit of God, brightly shining, open my eyes to see  
those who need my friendship: join us in unity.

5. Touch me, God's Spirit eternal. Teach me to thank and praise.  
By your grace be near me, guide me in all my ways.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

→ **Hymn: *Kosketa Jumalan, verse 1***

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

→ **Hymn: *Kosketa Jumalan, verse 2***

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

→ **Hymn: *Kosketa Jumalan, verse 3***

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

→ **Hymn: *Kosketa Jumalan, verse 4***

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

→ **Hymn: *Kosketa Jumalan, verse 5***

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.  
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

› *Silence*

→ **Children's Choir: Third verse of the *Soli***

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1:16-17

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

Word of God! Word of life!

***Thanks be to God!***

→ **Children's Choir: The combination of all the *Soli***

## Testimony

In times of oppression and persecution, women baked big breads and hid the Bible within them. They were able to smuggle the Bible to Christians wherever they might be. Scriptures kept circulating and helped communities remain steadfast in faith.

## Gospel Procession with *Alleluia*





## Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to those who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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.


The Gospel of the Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

### → *Haleluya*

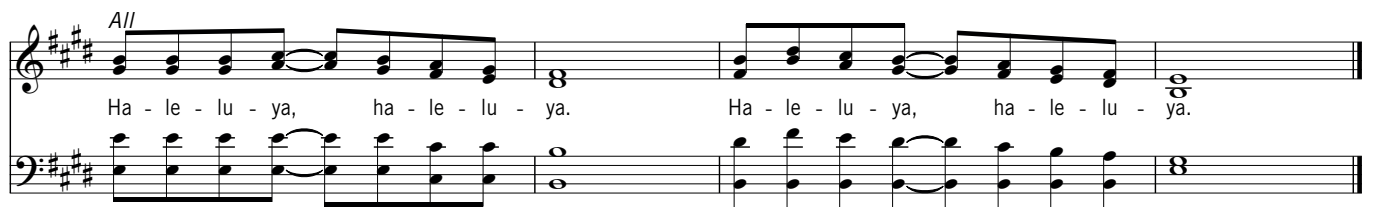
Kwaluudhi melody. Adapted by Selma Shaningwa, Namibia  
Arranged by Sakart Löyty

*Leader*



Ha - le - lu - ya, ha - le - lu - ya. Ha - le - lu - ya, ha - le - lu - ya.

*All*



Ha - le - lu - ya, ha - le - lu - ya. Ha - le - lu - ya, ha - le - lu - ya.

## Sermon – Bishop Zephania Kameeta

→ Hymn of the Day: *Nun danket alle Gott* (see p. 23)



1. Nun dan - ket al - le Gott mit Her - zen, Mund und Hän - den, der gro - ße Din - ge tut an  
 1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voic - es, who won - drous things has done, in

uns und al - len En - den, der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kin - des - bei - nen  
 whom this world re - joic - es; who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our

an un - zäh - lig viel zu - gut und noch jetzt und ge - tan.  
 way with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

2. Der ewigreiche Gott woll uns bei unserm Leben  
 ein immer fröhlich Herz und edlen Frieden geben  
 und uns in seiner Gnad erhalten fort und fort  
 und uns aus aller Not erlösen hier und dort.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. Lob, Ehr und Preis sei Gott  
 dem Vater and dem Sohne  
 und Gott dem Heiligen Geist  
 im höchsten Himmelsthronen,  
 ihm, dem dreiein'gen Gott, wie es im Anfang war  
 und ist und bleiben wird so jetzt und immerdar.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
 the Father now be given;  
 the Son, and him who reigns  
 with them in highest heaven;  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?  
***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

→ Sung Response: *We believe Maranatha light of the day*

Revelations 22:5, 20

Francisco F. Feliciano: Philippines

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 100. It features four vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Men, and a fourth part. The lyrics are: "We be - lieve: Ma - ra - na - tha, Light of the Day." The Soprano and Alto parts have a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes. The Men part has a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth part has a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes. The score includes repeat signs and a double bar line at the end of each part.

We be - lieve: Ma - ra - na - tha, Light of the Day.

Soprano  
We be - lieve: Ma - ra - na - tha, Light of the Day.

Alto  
We be - lieve: Ma - ra - na - tha, Light of the Day.

Men  
We be - lieve: We be - lieve:

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Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

→ **Sung Response: *We believe Maranatha light of the day***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

→ **Sung Response: *We believe Maranatha light of the day***



## Intercessory Prayer

Entrusting all things to the Triune God, let us now pray for the world, the church and all those in need.

1. Let us pray, brothers and sisters in Christ, for the holy church throughout the world.

▶ *Silent prayer.*

Praise be you O God who calls and sends out your disciples and servants to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all the ends of the earth. Strengthen your church that it continually proclaim your Good News in and out of season. Hold us and our ecumenical partners, encourage and embolden us in common witness. Especially, we pray for our sisters and brothers in. Come Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

$\text{♩} = 110$  as taught by Jackson Wahengo: Oshikwanyama: Namibia

Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. i - la u - ka - le mu - fye.  
Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to be in us.

Fye o - twe - ku pu - bwa. Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. i - la u - ka - le mu - fye.  
We have need of you. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to be in us.

2. Let us pray and give thanks for Reformation.

‣ *Silent prayer.*

Praise be to you O God for your Word alive among us. We are liberated by your grace! Praise be to you for the many guiding theological and spiritual insights that we have all received through the Reformation: the living contact with the Holy Scripture, the catechisms and hymns, for the priesthood of all baptized believers and their calling for the common mission of the church. Root us always in your Word, Christ alone and guide us in your way: faith alone, grace alone, Scripture alone! Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

3. Let us pray for forgiveness.

‣ *Silent prayer.*

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences. We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbearers did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. Forgive and heal us. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

4. Let us pray for all our sisters and brothers.

‣ *Silent prayer.*

God of love, your son Jesus reveals the mystery of love among us, strengthen that unity that you alone sustain in our diversity. Transform all complacency, indifference and ignorance, pour out a spirit of reconciliation. Turn us to you and to one another. Bring us together at your eucharistic table. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

5. Let us pray for justice.

▶ *Silent prayer.*

God of all, you have created all people equal. Enable us to work for the dignity and respect of every human being. Help us to recognize our deep connectedness to all people. Human beings are not for sale. Free those who suffer from exploitation, whether through harsh work conditions or unemployment or other forms of oppression. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

6. Let us pray for peace.

▶ *Silent prayer.*

God of peace, bend that which is inflexible, the barriers that divide, the attachments

that thwart reconciliation. Bring peace in this world, especially in [*countries, places*]. Protect, guide and strengthen our host nation Namibia, its peoples, its churches, its government and institutions. Open for them paths of abundance, equality, justice and peace. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

7. Let us pray for God's creation.

▶ *Silent prayer.*

God creator, convert us from greed and the exploitation of your creation that groans from abuse. Creation is not for sale! Change our way of living in order to leave a healthy planet to future generations. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

8. Let us pray for those are sick and abandoned.

▶ *Silent prayer.*

God, rock and fortress, protect refugees, those without homes or security, all the abandoned children. Help us always to defend human dignity. Heal those who suffer from illness, poverty, loneliness and exclusion.

Sustain the elderly. Hasten justice for those suffering under the power of evil. Give new life to all. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

9. Let us pray for women and for the younger generations.

↳ *Silent prayer.*

God of ever-new beginnings, affirm and support women in their call to ministry, guiding your church. Guide us through their vision and through the vision of our young people who already now engage an on-going reformation. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

10. Let us pray and give thanks for on-going reform in church and world.

↳ *Silent prayer.*

Praise be to you O God for the good transformations and reforms that were set in motion by the Reformation and by struggling with its challenges. Praise be to you for those who have worked and keep working bringing your Gospel message – salvation is not for sale – to all peoples. Sustain your on-going transforming power among us. Lead and guide us in an on-going Reformation continually awakening, affirming and strengthening the faith of all people. Come, Holy Spirit!

→ **Sung Response: *Mhepo iyapuki***

We entrust to you all these prayers in the confidence that you O God listen and respond! Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

## Gathering of Gifts

→ **Choir Song: *Creation Not For Sale* (see p. 30)**

Moderato ♩ = 95

*p* 1. Our God-gave us a gift won-der-ful price-less gift of cre-a-tion which he en-trust-ed in our  
 2. The cre-a-tion was meant for all to ben-e-fit the rich and the poor to dwell and toil on

hands. Rise and tell the na-tions cre-a-tion not for sale  
 it. *ff* Tell the na-tions cre-a-tion not

Tell the na-tions cre-a-tion not  
 Tell the na-tions cre-a-tion not

let us sus-tain it for for sale gen-er-a-tions to come. 1. 2.  
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not not for sale sale no no no no no no. no. no.





## MEAL

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

He was shown forth to all nations, in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so with the whole communion of saints, gathered through all times and from all the corners of this planet, with Peter and Paul, with Mary and Elizabeth, with all the saints who have hoped for your day, with all of creation, from the desert of the Namib to the mountains of the Andes, from the Ombalantu baobab tree to the tiniest dandelion, from the Nile to the Yangtze to the Ganges to the Euphrates to the Rhine and the Amazon and the Mississippi rivers, from the rising of the sun to its setting, the works of your hands shout for joy and together with all the choirs of angels we sing an unending hymn.

→ **Sanctus: *Omyapuki* (see p. 33)**

Omu - ya - pu - ki Ka - lu - nga Omu - ya - pu - ki na ha - mbe - le -  
 Ka - lu - nga Omu - wa Ka - lu - nga Omu - wa  
 Ho - sian - na ho - sian - na Mo - kom - ba - nda - na ha - mbe - le -  
 Ngu te ya Ngu te ya Mo - kom - ba - nda - na ha - mbe - le -

(lwe.) Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe - le - lwe.

lwe. Omu - ya - pu - ki Ka - lu - nga Omu -  
 E - gu - lu ne - vi Ol -  
 lwe. Ho - sian - na ho - sian - na Mo -  
 lwe. Ngu te ya Ngu te ya Mo -

Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe - le - lwe. Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe - le -

ya - pu - ki na ha - mbe - le - lwe.  
 yu - dha e - ha - mbe - le - lo.  
 kom - ba - nda - na ha - mbe - le lwe.  
 kom - ba - nda - na ha - mbe - le lwe.

lwe. Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe - le - lwe.

end

1. Holy God. May the Holy God be praised. Response: God be praised.
2. God, the Lord. The heaven and earth are filled with praise. Response: God be praised.
3. Hosanna in the highest be praised. Response: God be praised.
4. The one who comes in highest be praised. Response: God be praised.

## Eucharistia

Thanks and praise be to you, O Lord, with our whole heart.  
Great are your works, studied by all who delight in them.

Your righteousness, O God, endures forever.  
You have gained renown by your wonderful deeds; you are gracious and merciful.  
You formed the cosmos out of chaos,  
creating humankind and entrusting them with your work.

You refused the sacrifice of Isaac, a child.  
You saved the Israelites, bringing them through the waters.

Miriam led the faithful in song and dance.  
Ruth's faithfulness saw in the distance your child, Jesus.  
Hannah's song prepared Mary for your birth.  
Jonah spent three days in the pit of the whale, waiting your deliverance.

Dry bones rattled and you breathed life into them.  
The three youth trusted you before the things of this world and danced with you in the blazing furnace.  
Wisdom continues to cry out in the streets that all may heed your gift.

You have always been mindful of your covenant, the promise made for a thousand generations.  
You open your hand, and all are filled with good things.  
You provide food for those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat: This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

## Anamnesis

With this bread and cup we proclaim the redemption you sent to your people:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!***

You have commanded your covenant forever. Holy and awesome is your name.

## Epiclesis

Come now O Holy Spirit! Bless us and these your own gifts of bread and wine that your praise may ever be on our lips and in our hearts and your justice touch all lives, all cities and nations, and all of creation.

### → Sung Response: *Njoo Njoo*

Wilson Niwagila: Tanzania

Njo - o, njo - o, njoo, Ro - ho Mwe - ma.  
Lov - ing Spir - it, fill us with your life.







## Doxology

To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

### → Song: *Masithi Amen*

*All* S.C. Molefe: Xhosa, South Africa

*Leader*  $\text{♩} = 126$

Ma - si - thi: A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma - si - thi: A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi -  
Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name O Lord, Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name O

sa, Ma - si - thi: A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.  
Lord, Sing a - men: A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, A - men, we praise your name O Lord.

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Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us

### → The Lord's Prayer (in our many languages)

## Invitation to the Table

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

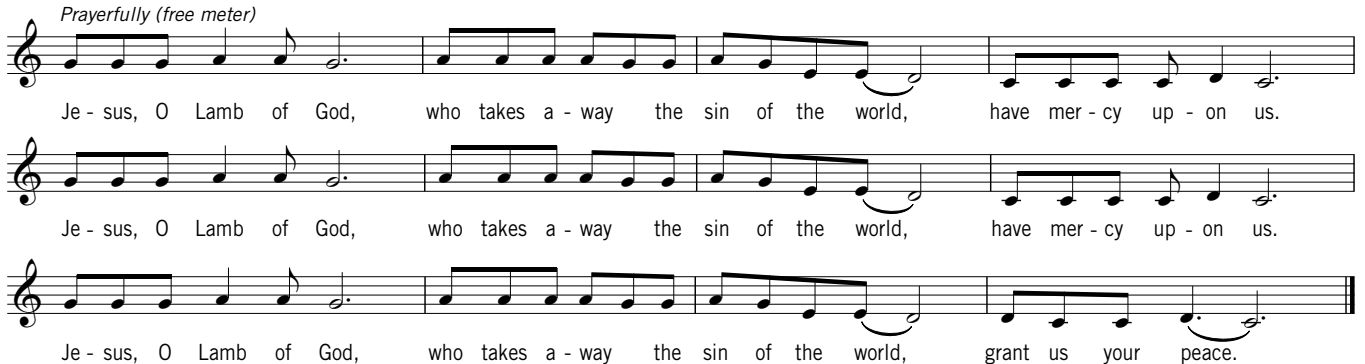
► For communion you are invited to go to a station near you. The server of the bread will place the wafer in your hand. Keep the bread in your hand. Then move to the server with the cup. When you are in front of the cup, you dip the bread briefly in the wine and then eat it. If it is your tradition, you make the sign of the cross, or say Amen.

### → Agnus Dei: *Jesus O Lamb of God*

English adaptation Rev. Judith Bangsund.

Traditional Maasai cry for help Tune: Engoipapayai Enanu

*Prayerfully (free meter)*



Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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## Communion Distribution – Communion Hymns

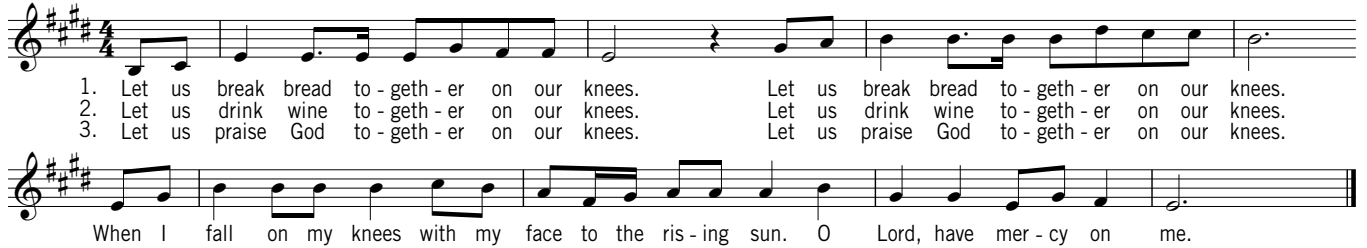
→ Local Choir

→ *Let us break bread together* (see p. 39)

→ Local Choir

→ *Vamos todos al banquete* (see p. 39)





1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun. O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Guillermo Cuéllar. English Bret Hesla and William Dexheimer Pharris

Guillermo Cuéllar: Missa popular salvadoreña



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la me - sa de la crea - ción, ca - da cual con su ta - bu - re - te, tie - ne un  
 Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - ery -  
 pues - to y u - na mi - sión. Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no, ya me es - pe - ra la co - mu -  
 one, with your gifts to share. I will rise in the ear - ly mor - ning; the com - mu - ni - ty's wait - ing  
 ni - dad, voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
 for me. With a spring in my step I'm wal - king with my friends and my fa - mi - ly.

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2. Dios invita\_a todos los pobres, a\_esta mesa común por la fe, 2. God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good  
 donde no\_hay acaparadores, y\_a nadie le falta\_el conqué. where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food.
3. Dios nos manda\_a hacer de\_este mundo, 3. May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.  
 una mesa donde\_haya\_igualdad, God has called us to work together and to share everything we have.  
 trabajando\_y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad.

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num.  
 Sing prais - es all you peo - ple, sing prais - es to the Lord.  
 Lob - singt, ihr Völ - ker al - le, Lob - singt und presit den Hern.  
 A - la - be, todo el mun - do, a - la - be al Se - ñor.  
 Lou - ez Dieu tous les peu - ples, lou - ez no - tre Sei - gneur.

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num!  
 Sing prais - es all you peo - ple, sing prais - es to the Lord.  
 Lob - singt, ihr Völ - ker al - le, Lob - singt und presit den Hern.  
 A - la - be, todo el mun - do, a - la - be al Se - ñor.  
 Lou - ez Dieu tous les peu - ples, lou - ez no - tre Sei - gneur.

→ Local Choir

→ *Laudate omnes gentes*

→ *We are coming Lord to the table* (see p. 41)

→ *Hallelujah! Pelo tsa rona* (see p. 42)

We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble. We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble.

1. With the gift of bread, we are com - ing, Lord. With the gift of wine, we are com - ing,  
 2. To re - ceive the bread, we are com - ing, Lord. To re - ceive the wine, we are com - ing,

*Leader*  
 Oh, sing it o - ver. 1. We of - fer you the gift of bread. We of - fer you the  
 2. We're com - ing to re - ceive the bread. We're com - ing to re -

Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

gift of wine. Oh, sing it o - ver.  
 ceive the wine.

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

Tswana

South Africa

Hal - le - lu - jah! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Hal - le - lu - jah! Pe - lo tsa  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ke Mo - re - na Je - so, ya re  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. 1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am  
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in

du - me - let - seng ya re du - me - let - seng Ho tsa - mai - sa e - van - ge - di.  
wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

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The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be for you a door, a ship, a bridge from this life to eternal life.

## Discussion

‣ *Intergenerational interaction: dialogue between younger and older reformers.*

→ **Song: Halleluya**

Kwaluudhi melody. Adapted by Selma Shaningwa, Namibia  
Arranged by Sakart Löytty

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The Leader part is a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The All part consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: Ha - le - lu - ya, ha - le - lu - ya. Ha - le - lu - ya, ha - le - lu - ya.

‣ *A new rose is formed based on the LWF Logo and in the colors of the Assembly.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when all will gather together in peace, when justice will embrace all the earth. Send us forth to make known your saving deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## Benediction

Praise be you, O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away!

***Amen!***

Praise be you, O God, who blots out our transgressions, who answers prayer and to whom all peoples come!

***Amen!***

Praise be you, O God, your paths overflow with plenty and you cover all the earth in mercy.

***Amen!***

Holy God, Three in One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit (+) bless and preserve you, this day and all days, now and forever!

***Amen!***

→ Closing Hymn: *Lobe den Herren* (see p. 45)

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!

***Thanks be to God!***

→ Recessional Hymn: *Siyahamb'* (see p. 46-47)

→ Brass Band and Local Choirs

1. Lo - be den Her - ren den mäch - ti - gen Kö - nig der Eh - ren; lob ihn, o  
 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,

See - le ver - eint mit den himm - li - schen Chö - ren. Kom - met zu -  
 praise him for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Let all who

hauf; Psal - ter und Har - fe, wacht auf. Las - set den Lob - ge - sang hö - ren.  
 hear, now to his tem - ple draw near; join - ing in glad ad - o - a - tion!

2. Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich regieret,  
 der dich auf Adellers Fittichen sicher geführt,  
 der dich erhält, wie es dir selber gefällt.  
 Hast du nicht dieses verspüret?

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
 and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
 Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
 sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Lobe den Herren, der künstlich und fein dich bereitet,  
 der dir Gesundheit verliehen, dich freundlich geleitet.  
 In wieviel Not hat nicht der gnädige Gott  
 über dir Flügel gebreitet!

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
 surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
 if with his love he befriend you.

4. Lobe den Herren, was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.  
 Lob ihn mit allen, die seine Verheißung bekamen.  
 Er ist dein Licht; Seele, vergiß es ja nicht.  
 Lob ihn in Ewigkeit. Amen.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore him.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
 Let the Amen sound from his people again.  
 Gladly forever adore him.

Catherine Winkworth adp. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh

Zulu

South Africa

Si - ya-hamb' e - ku - kha nyen' kwe - nkhos', si - ya-hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwe - nkhos'. Si - ya-  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are  
 Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht, kommt wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht. Kommt, wir  
 Nous mar - chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu, nous marchons dans la lum - ière de Dieu. Nous mar  
 Ca - mi - na - mos en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi - na - mos en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwe - nkhos', si - ya-hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwe - nkhos'. Si - ya-  
 march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are  
 wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht, kommt wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht. Kommt, wir  
 chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu, nous mar - chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu. Nous mar-  
 na - mos en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi - na - mos en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -  
 nyen' kwe nkhos'.

Oo  
 ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya-hamb' e - ku - kha nyen' kwe - nkhos'. Si - ya  
 march - ing, we are march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are  
 wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht. Kommt, wir  
 chons, nous mar - chons, nous marchons dans la lum - ière de Dieu. Nous mar  
 na - mos, ca - mi - na - mos, o ca - mi - na - mos en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -  
 nyen' kwe - nkhos'.

ham - ba ham - ba si - ya - ham - ba ham ba



ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha nyen' kwe - nkhos'.  
 march - ing, we are march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht.  
 chons, nous mar - chons, nous mar chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu.  
 na - mos, ca - mi - na - mos, o ca - mi - na - mos en la luz de Dios.

ham - ba ham - ba si - ya - ham - ba ham ba

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