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Reformation Sunday 2017

Gathering

► (with music)

→ **Opening Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress***

Greeting

Welcome! Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ who gathers us here. Welcome to this liturgy of Word and sacrament in which we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

As we began this service 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.

The 500th 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.

As we worship together 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.

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***

Mabel Wu: Hong Kong

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.

Sakari Löytty

Leader E A E A E A E A E A E A

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

Choir E A E A E A E A E A E A

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

→ Hymn: *Gloria Esimano*

► (brief silence)

Prayer of the Day

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!

Let us pray.

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.

Word

1st 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!

→ Hymn: *Reamo Leboga*

2nd 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!

▶ Gospel Procession with Alleluia

Gospel: John 15:1-5

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

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 thanks to our God. We give thanks to our God.

2. Ga a yo yo tshwanang le wena. 3x 3. Re pholositwe ke wena. 3x 2. There is no one like God. 3x 3. We have been saved by God. 3x
Modimo wa rona. Modimo wa rona. There's no one like our God. We've been saved by our God.

English translation, Ester Pudjo Widiasih

Godlief Soumokil: Indonesia

♩ = 70

Ha - le - lu - ya! Ha - le - lu - ya! Pu - ji - lah Tu - han - mu s'la - ma - nya ha - le - lu - ya! Nya - nyi dan
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord ev - er - more, praise the Lord, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout with joy,

so - rak - lah, a - gung - kan na - ma - Nya. Pu - ji - lah Tu - han - mu s'la - ma - nya ha - le - lu - ya!
lift your voice, glo - ri - fy God's ho - ly name. Praise the Lord ev - er - more, praise the Lord, hal - le - lu - jah!

- is a long step, one beat. : is a quick step, one-half a beat.

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The Gospel of the Lord!

Apostles' Creed

Praise to you, O Christ!

Do you believe in God the Father?

→ **Haleluya**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Sermon

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

→ **Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God**

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

Martin Rinckart. English, Catherine Winkworth. Français, F. du Pasquier. Español Federico Fliedner

Johann Crüger: Germany

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
1. Lou - ons le Cré - a - teur, chan - tons à Dieu lou - an - ges! Et joi - gions no - tre voix au
1. De - bo - cay co - ra - zón lo - ad al Dios del cie - lo, Pues dio - nos ben - di - ción, sa -

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
con - cert des saints an - ges! Dès les bras ma - ter - nels il nous a pro - té -
lud, paz y con - sue - do. Tan so - lo a su bon - dad deb - e - mos nue - stro

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.
gés et jus - qu'au der - nier jour, il est no - tre ber - ger.
ser; su san - ta vo - lun - tad nos guí - a por do - quier.

English, Catherine Winkworth. French, F. du Pasquier. Spanish, Federico Fliedner.

into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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*

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

♩ = 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.

Fye o - twe - ku pu - bwa Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. i - la u - ka - le mu - fye.

Holy Spirit come into us. We need you.

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 country, 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

‣ The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

→ Choir Anthem: *Liberated by God's Grace*

PH Kisting: Namibia 2016
composed for the Lutheran World Federation General Assembly

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
Wir sind be-freit durch Got - tes Gna - de. Wir sind be freit durch Gna - de. Der Sohn Got - tes er lös te
Por gra - cia Dios nos li - be - ró, su gra - cia nos li - be - ró. En u - na cruz nos re - di -

on the cross, we're lib - er - at - ed by God's grace. Cre - a - tion not for sale, hu - mans are
uns am Kreuz, wir sind be freit durch Got - tes Gnade. Schö - pfung, gibt's nicht für Geld, Men - schen gibt's
mió Je - sús, por gra - cia Dios nos li - be - ró. No es - tán en ven - ta, no, la cre - a -
not for sale,
not for sale,

not for sale, sal - va - tion is not for sale. Cre - a - tion
nicht für Geld, Er - lö - sung gibt's nicht für Geld. Schö - pfung, gibt's
ción de Dios, la hu - mani - dad, la sal - va - ción. No es - tán en
not for sale,
not for

not for sale, hu - mans are not for sale, for God's sal - va - tion is not for sale.
nicht für Geld, Men - schen gibt's nicht für Geld, Got - tes Er - lö - sen gibt's nicht für Geld.
ven - ta, no, la cre - a - ción de Dios, la hu - ma - ni - dad ni la sal - va - ción.
not for

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: Omuyapuki**

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.

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."

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.

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**

Traditional Dhimba melody arranged by Sakari Löytty

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 OI -
 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.

Wilson Niwagila: Tanzania

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

S.C. Molefe: Xhosa, South Africa

All

Leader 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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To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

→ Hymn: *Masithi Amen*

Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

→ Agnus Dei: *Jesus O Lamb of God*

Communion Distribution

→ Communion Hymns

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

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.

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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Sending

Blessing

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: Praise to the Lord**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!

Thanks be to God!

→ **Music**

Joachim Neander 1680, Germany

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 Adlers Fittichen sicher geführet,
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

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