

From Conflict to Communion

*A Service in honor of the beginning of the
500th Anniversary Year of the
Reformation of the Church*



*A celebration of the path toward unity between
Roman Catholics and Lutherans since the signing of
the first Joint Document in 1966 between the
Lutheran World Federation and the
Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity*

Presiders

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Saint Mary's Basilica
Sunday, October 30, 2016

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing; our
2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing were

help-er he, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing. Dost

still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his

great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, often mirroring the vocal lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 and 2 indicating different verses. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs in the final measures.

Introduction

P.: O Lord, open our lips.

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

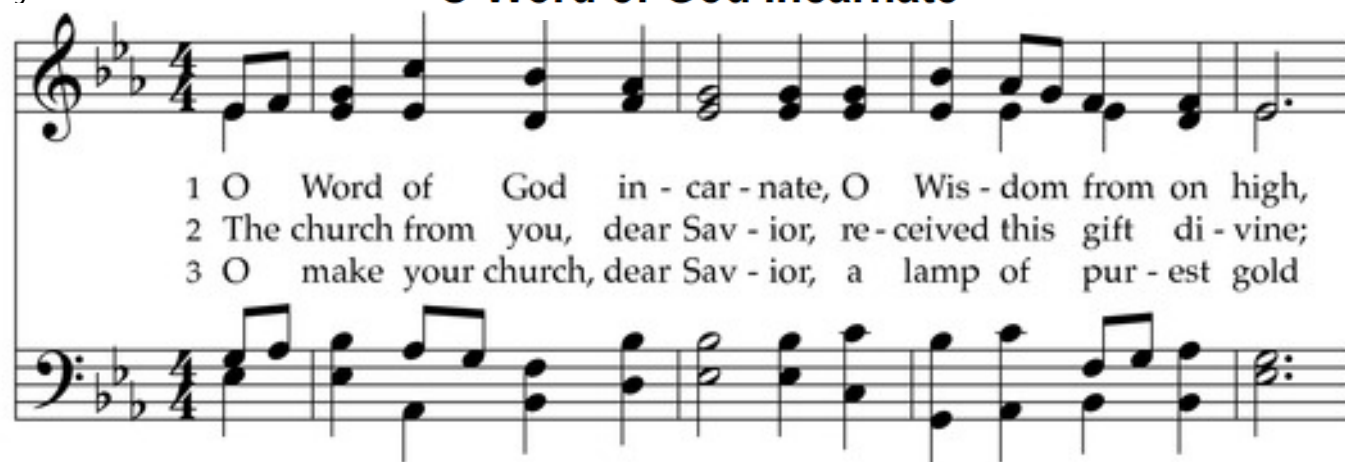
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gathering Reflections and Opening Prayer

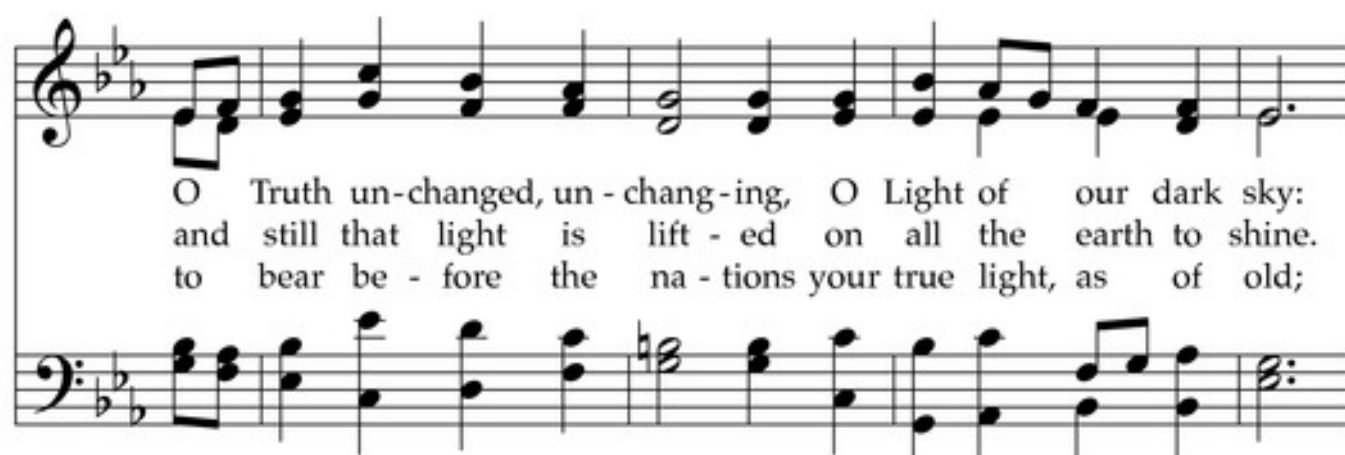


Hymn

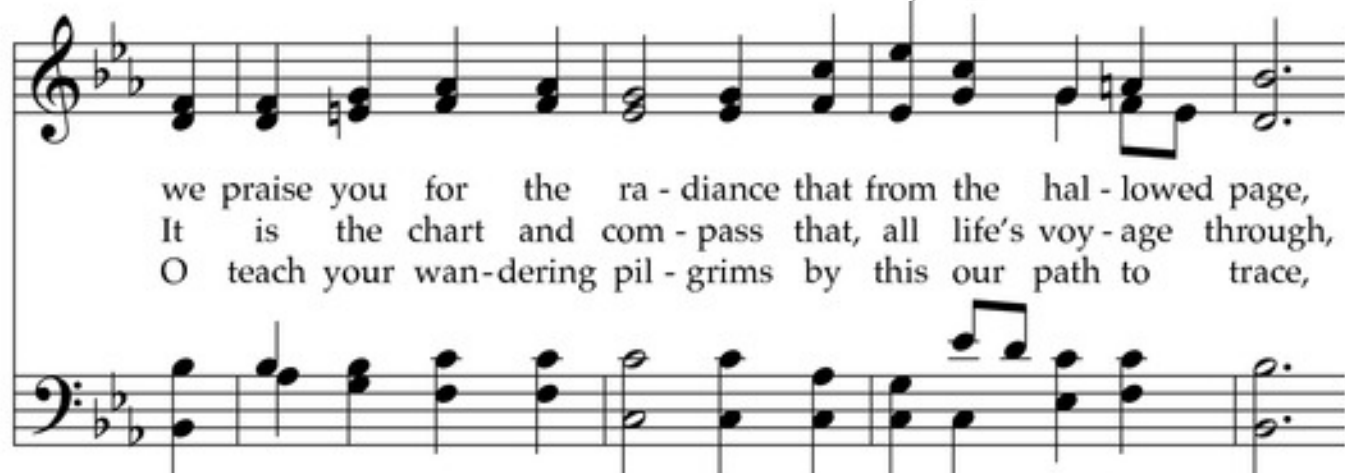
O Word of God Incarnate



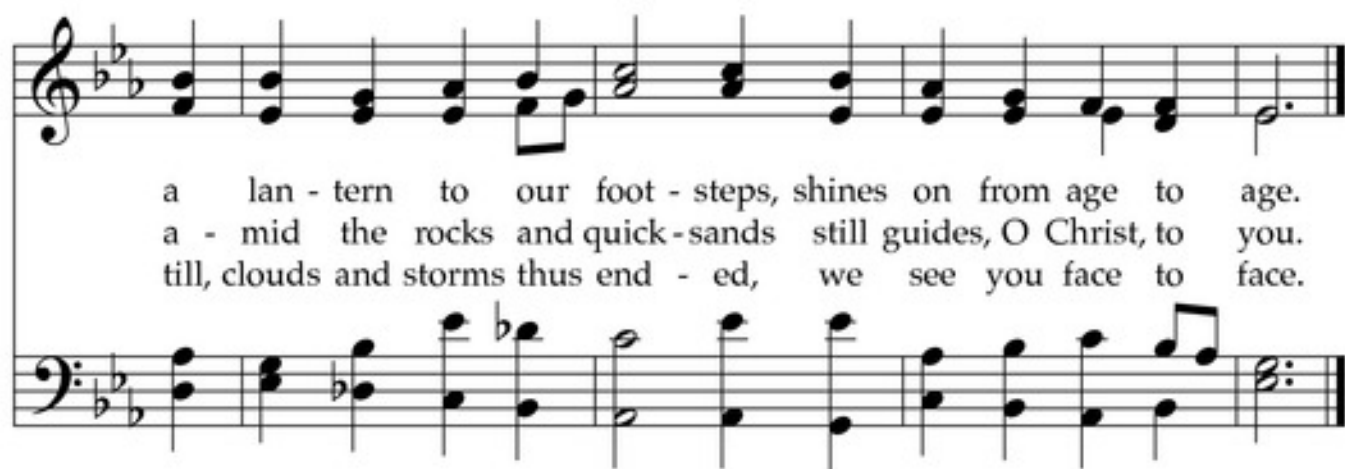
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

(Stand)

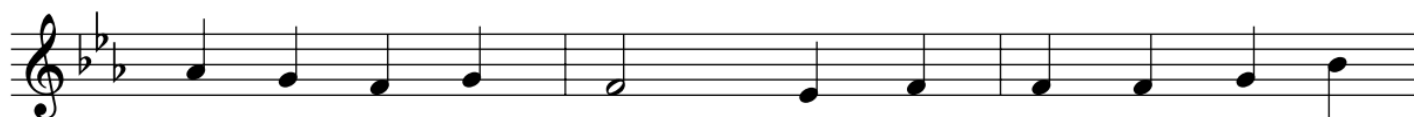
Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
2. O may this gra-cious God Through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be



voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And
giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who



whom his world re - joic - es; Who, from our moth-ers'
bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his
reigns in high - est heav - en, E - ter - nal, Tri - une



arms, Hath blest us on our way With
grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; For

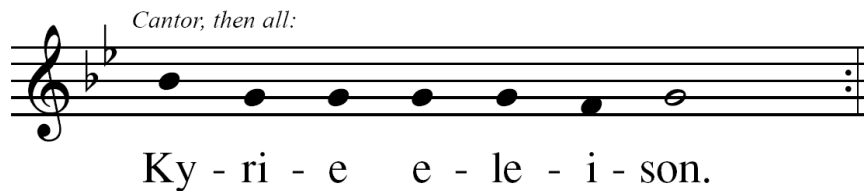


count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
free us from all sin, Till heav - en we pos - sess.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

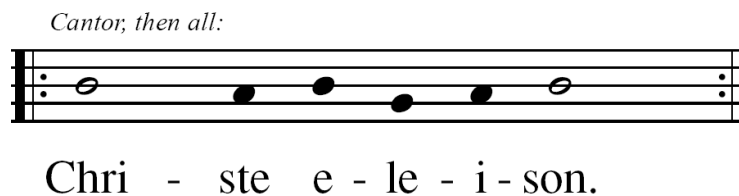
Confession of Sin and Assurance of God's Mercy

(Kneel)

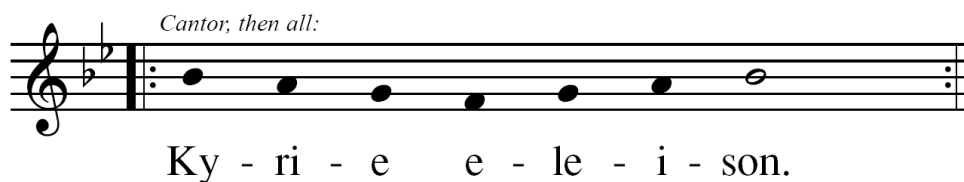
O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences.



We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our ancestors 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. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord.



Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings.

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation and we are strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Greeting and Sharing of the Peace

(Stand)

P.: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Choral Anthem How Lovely are Thy Dwellings Fair

(Sit)

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts.
My soul longeth, yea, longeth and yearneth for the blest courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh rejoice to God, cry to the living God.
How lovely are Thy dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts.
How blessed they that in Thy house are dwelling:
They praise Thy name evermore; they praise Thee for evermore.
How lovely, O Lord, Thy dwellings fair.

Original German text compiled by Johannes Brahms from Martin Luther's German Bible, based on Psalm 84
Music by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Gospel Acclamation

(Stand)



Gospel Reading

John 15: 1-5

P.: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

(Sit)

The Apostles' Creed

(Stand)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



Statements of Commitment and Lighting of the Candles

1. *Our first commitment:* Roman Catholics and Lutherans should always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced.
2. *Our second commitment:* Lutherans and Roman Catholics must let themselves continuously be transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith.
3. *Our third commitment:* Roman Catholics and Lutherans should again commit themselves to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps, and to strive repeatedly toward this goal.
4. *Our fourth commitment:* Lutherans and Roman Catholics should jointly rediscover the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our time
5. *Our fifth commitment:* Roman Catholics and Lutherans should witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.



Hymn

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Prayers of Intercession

(Kneel)

*After each petition, the reader says "Lord, in your mercy";
All respond by saying, "Hear our prayer".*

The Lord's Prayer

(Stand)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, now and for ever, Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

P: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,
All: Thanks be to God!

P: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,
All: Thanks be to God!

P: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,
All: Thanks be to God!

P: And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with
us all now and forever.
All: Amen.

P: Let us go forth joyfully in peace and unity!
All: In the name of Christ, Amen!

Recessional Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:
land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
pride:
one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.