

Letter 244c: [Between 6 and 12 May 1525, Strasbourg], The Strasbourg Preachers to the City Council of Strasbourg

The text of this counsel (given in response to a request from the city) is printed in CorrBucer 2, pp. 25-29, Ep. 98.

[*Summary*]: Mass in religious houses and collegiate churches should be abolished and replaced by a new rite, including the reading of scripture and a sermon. There is no reason to fear uproar. The city of Nürnberg, where these rites have been instituted, acknowledges that they are in harmony with the gospel. Monasteries should be dissolved; as was done in Zurich, the young men should be taught a trade and the old monks pensioned off. There should be regular preaching in convents; nuns who wish to leave should be allowed to do so. Action should be taken against prostitution, especially involving the clergy. Behaviour in the *Schreiberstuben* (i.e. where the scribes gathered) and public inns should be controlled; early closing hours should be enforced. The institution of schools has been discussed elsewhere [cf. CorrBucer 2, pp. 13-14, Ep. 90].