

Letter 404a: 6 March 1530, Strasbourg, The Strasbourg Preachers to the Community

The text of the pamphlet is printed in BDS 4, pp. 161-181 and summarized in CorrBucer 4, pp. 25-26, Ep. 276.

[*Summary*]: The decree of the city council concerning the removal of images from churches [passed on 14 February 1530] was prudent and in accordance with God's command. So were the decrees abolishing private masses passed four years ago and public masses one year ago [21 February 1529]. Some people, who lack the necessary understanding, are opposed to these measures. The preachers have therefore undertaken to justify and explain the actions of the council in their pamphlet, first published in German and now also in Latin [cf. below, Ep. 404b]. They encourage the citizens to read these publications and pray that Christ may enlighten them.