The Reformation

*Movement led by Martin Luther (1483-1546) that urged the need for people to be allowed to practice in their own language other than Latin.
*Ein feste Burg = battle song of the Reformation.

The Counter-Reformation

*Began in 1540s
*Not Catholic church of malpractice & encourage greater piety among people.
*Expressed concern for:
  - Regular melodies in Church
  - Weakening the effect of plainsong
  - Over-exaggerate piety that obscures virtuoso singing
  - Use of instruments other than organ
*Music of new simplicity
  - Fewer
  - Emotional content
  - Feeling of mysticism.

Palestrina
*Polyphorial
*Purist decorative music (Andrea Gabrieli, Giovanni Gabrieli)