

Biblical Passages used in Mennonite Bulletin Series

from The Revised Common Lectionary

Years A & B: September 2014, through August 2015

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YEAR A

QUARTER 1

Week 1

September 7, 2014—Proper 18

Teach me, O LORD

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40 (33)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Week 2

September 14, 2014—Proper 19

We are the Lord's

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12 (8)

Matthew 18:21-35

Week 3

September 21, 2014—Proper 20

Share abundantly

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30 (26)

Matthew 20:1-16

Week 4

September 28, 2014—Proper 21

Turn, then, and live

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (32)

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Week 5

October 5, 2014—Proper 22

Be found in him

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14 (9)

Matthew 21:33-46

Week 6

October 12, 2014—Proper 23

Goodness and mercy

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23 (6)

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Week 7

October 19, 2014—Proper 24

I will go before you

Isaiah 45:1-7 (2)

Psalms 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Week 8

October 26, 2014—Proper 25

We speak . . . to please God

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (4)

Matthew 22:34-46

Week 9

November 2, 2014—Proper 26

You are witnesses

Micah 3:5-12

Psalms 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (10)

Matthew 23:1-12

Week 10

November 9, 2014—Proper 27

Keep awake

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13 (13)

Week 11

November 16, 2014—Proper 28

You have been our dwelling place

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 (1)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Week 12

November 23, 2014—Proper 29

The richness of God's glorious inheritance (CEB)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23 (18)

Matthew 25:31-46

Week 13

November 30, 2014—Advent 1

Shine

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 (3)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

YEAR B

QUARTER 2

Week 1

December 7, 2014—Advent 2

Prepare

Isaiah 40:1-11 (3)
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Week 2

December 14, 2014—Advent 3

Testify

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (7)

Week 3

December 21, 2014—Advent 4

Rejoice (CEB)

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55 (46)
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Week 4

**December 28, 2014—First
Sunday after Christmas**

My eyes have seen your salvation

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40 (30)

Week 5

**January 4, 2015—Second
Sunday after Christmas**

Proclaim, give praise

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (7)
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Week 6

**January 11, 2015—Baptism of
the Lord**

You are my Son, the Beloved

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11 (11)

Week 7

**January 18, 2015—Second
Sunday after Epiphany**

Speak, LORD

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) (9)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Week 8

**January 25, 2015—Third Sunday
after Epiphany**

My refuge is in God

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12 (7)
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Week 9

**February 1, 2015—Fourth
Sunday after Epiphany**

Love builds up

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (1)
Mark 1:21-28

Week 10

**February 8, 2015—Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany**

Lift up your eyes

Isaiah 40:21-31 (26)
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Week 11

**February 15, 2015—Sixth
Sunday after Epiphany**

Make me clean

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45 (40)

—or—

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Week 12

February 22, 2015—Lent 1

You are the God of my salvation

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10 (5)
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

QUARTER 3

Week 1

March 1, 2015—Lent 2

I will make you exceedingly fruitful

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (6)

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Week 2

March 8, 2015—Lent 3

Making wise the simple

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19 (7)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Week 3

March 15, 2015—Lent 4

The light has come into the world

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21 (19)

Week 4

March 22, 2015—Lent 5

I treasure your word in my heart

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

or Psalms 119:9-16 (11)

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Week 5

March 29, 2015—Lent 6

(Liturgy of the Passion)

Hosanna in the highest heaven

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

—or—

Liturgy of the Palms

(no first or second reading)

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11 (10)

or John 12:12-16

Week 6

April 5, 2015—Easter Day

On the third day

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (4)

or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Week 7

April 12, 2015—Easter 2

Happy are those who don't see and yet believe (CEB)

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31 (29)

Week 8

April 19, 2015—Easter 3

The LORD hears when I call

Acts 3:12-19

Psalms 4 (3)

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Week 9

April 26, 2015—Easter 4

Let us love . . . in truth and action

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24 (18)

John 10:11-18

Week 10

May 3, 2015—Easter 5

Future generations will be told

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31 (30)

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Week 11

May 10, 2015—Easter 6

Abide in my love

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17 (9)

Week 12

May 17, 2015—Easter 7

Bearing fresh fruit (The Message)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalms 1 (3)

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Week 13

May 24, 2015—Day of Pentecost

Send out your Spirit (The Message)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (30)

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Week 14

May 31, 2015—Trinity Sunday

All the earth is filled with God's glory (CEB)

Isaiah 6:1-8 (3)

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

QUARTER 4

Week 1

June 7, 2015—Proper 5

I wait for the LORD

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130 (5)

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Week 2

June 14, 2015—Proper 6

There is a new creation

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13),
14-17 (17)

Mark 4:26-34

Week 3

June 21, 2015—Proper 7

Even the wind and the sea obey him

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41 (41)

Week 4

June 28, 2015—Proper 8

Joy comes with the morning

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30 (5)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Week 5

July 5, 2015—Proper 9

My grace is sufficient for you

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (9)

Mark 6:1-13

Week 6

July 12, 2015—Proper 10

The fullness of time

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14 (10)

Mark 6:14-29

Week 7

July 19, 2015—Proper 11

For he is our peace

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22 (14)

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Week 8

July 26, 2015—Proper 12

They filled twelve baskets

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21 (13)

Week 9

August 2, 2015—Proper 13

Building up the body of Christ

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16 (12)

John 6:24-35

Week 10

August 9, 2015—Proper 14

So that your words may give grace

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (29)

John 6:35, 41-51

Week 11

August 16, 2015—Proper 15

Seek peace, and pursue it

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14 (14)

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Week 12

August 23, 2015—Proper 16

We will serve the LORD

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (15)

Psalms 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

Week 13

August 30, 2015—Proper 17

Be doers of the word

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15

James 1:17-27 (22)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23