

Biblical Passages used in Mennonite Bulletin Series

from The Revised Common Lectionary

Years B & C: September 2015–August 2016

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YEAR B

QUARTER 1

September 6, 2015: Proper 18

Waters shall break
forth in the wilderness
Isaiah 35:4-7*a*
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13, 2015: Proper 19

Sustain the weary with a word
Isaiah 50:4-9*a*
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 20, 2015: Proper 20

Sow in peace
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8*a*
Mark 9:30-37

September 27, 2015: Proper 21

Anointing them with oil
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

October 4, 2015: Proper 22

It is to such as these
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 11, 2015: Proper 23

Treasure in heaven
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 2015: Proper 24

His life an offering
Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 2015: Proper 25

Take heart; get up, he is calling you
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

November 1, 2015: Proper 26

As a gift from the spring
of the water of life
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34
or
All Saints (additional scriptures)
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6*a*
John 11:32-44

November 8, 2015: Proper 27

Two small coins
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15, 2015: Proper 28

Like the stars
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18),
19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22, 2015: Proper 29

Your temple will always be beautiful
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4*b*-8
John 18:33-37

November 29, 2015: First Sunday of Advent

Hope: I will fulfill my gracious promise
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

YEAR C

QUARTER 2

December 6, 2015: Second Sunday of Advent

Love: Love may overflow
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 13, 2015: Third Sunday of Advent

Joy: Be glad and rejoice
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 20, 2015: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Peace: He will bring peace
Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

December 27, 2015: First Sunday after Christmas

Praise him
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

January 3, 2016: Second Sunday after Christmas

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

or

Epiphany (additional scriptures)
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 10, 2016: Baptism of the Lord

You are precious in my sight
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17, 2016: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Your righteousness is like
the mighty mountains
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 24, 2016: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Bring good news
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 31, 2016: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Where I send you, you must go
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 7, 2016: Transfiguration of the Lord

We act with great boldness
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

or

Transfiguration (additional scriptures)
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

February 14, 2016: First Sunday of Lent

Believe in your heart
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

February 21, 2016: Second Sunday of Lent

Seek God's face
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

February 28, 2016: Third Sunday of Lent

My soul is satisfied
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

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QUARTER 3

March 6, 2016: Fourth Sunday of Lent

There is a new creation
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11*b*-32

March 13, 2016: Fifth Sunday of Lent

The LORD has done great things
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4*b*-14
John 12:1-8

March 20, 2016: Palm Sunday

You are my God
Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9*a*
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56
or Luke 23:1-49

March 27, 2016: Easter

Alive in Christ
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 3, 2016: Second Sunday of Easter

Peace be with you
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 10, 2016: Third Sunday of Easter

So that my soul may praise you
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 17, 2016: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Salvation belongs to our God
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 24, 2016: Fifth Sunday of Easter

I am making all things new
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 1, 2016: Sixth Sunday of Easter

You are witnesses
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
or
Ascension (additional scriptures)
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 8, 2016: Seventh Sunday of Easter

So that your love for
me might be in them
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,
20-21
John 17:20-26

May 15, 2016: Pentecost

Filled with the Holy Spirit
Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35*b*
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 22, 2016: Trinity Sunday

The Spirit . . . will guide
you into all the truth
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

May 29, 2016: Proper 4

There is no God like you
1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Psalm 96:1-9
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

YEAR C

QUARTER 4

June 5, 2016: Proper 5

You have healed me
1 Kings 17:17-24
Psalm 30
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 12, 2016: Proper 6

Your faith has saved you
2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13-15
Psalm 32
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36–8:3

June 19, 2016: Proper 7

You are all children of God
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2016: Proper 8

In you I take refuge
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July 3, 2016: Proper 9

Work for the good of all
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, 2016: Proper 10

Teach me
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17, 2016: Proper 11

The mystery . . . has
now been revealed
Genesis 18:1-10*a*
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24, 2016: Proper 12

God made you alive
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

July 31, 2016: Proper 13

Seek the things that are above
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 7, 2015: Proper 14

Our soul waits
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14, 2016: Proper 15

So great a cloud of witnesses
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29–12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21, 2016: Proper 16

Bless the LORD
Isaiah 58:9*b*-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28, 2016: Proper 17

Imitate their faith
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14