

Biblical Passages used in Mennonite Bulletin Series from The Revised Common Lectionary Years A & B: September 2020 through August 2021

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Quarter 1 – Fall 2020 (Year A)

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September 6 – The day is near

(Labor Day)

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14 (12)

Matthew 18:15-20

September 13 – God has welcomed them

(Grandparents Day)

Genesis 50:15-21

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

Romans 14:1-12 (3)

Matthew 18:21-35

September 20 – Your faithfulness and courage are a sign

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30 (28) CEB

Matthew 20:1-16

September 27 – For you I wait

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9 (5)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 4 – I want to know Christ

(World Communion Sunday)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14 (10)

Matthew 21:33-46

October 11 – You prepare a table before me

(Canadian Thanksgiving Day – 12th)

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23 (5)

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18 – What belongs to God

Isaiah 45:1-7

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22 (21) NLT

October 25 – Entrusted with the message of the gospel

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (4)

Matthew 22:34-46

November 1 – Look to the Lord

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

or

All Saints (if celebrated)

Revelation 7:9-17; *Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (10) NCV*

1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 8 – Let justice roll down

Amos 5:18-24 (24)

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15 – Children of light

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (5)

Matthew 25:14-30

November 22 – With thankful hearts

(US Thanksgiving Day – 26th)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a (2) CEV

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 29 – ADVENT 1 / Keep awake

(Year B)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37 (37)

Quarter 2 – Winter 2020 (Year B)

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December 6, 2020 – ADVENT 2 / Prepare the way

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

December 13 – ADVENT 3 / Bring good news

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (1)
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20 – ADVENT 4 / Sing of your love

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55 or *Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (1) CEV*
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24 / 25 – CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY Glory to God

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) (14)
or
Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
or
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

December 27 – Rejoice in the Lord

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

January 3, 2021 – Overwhelmed with joy

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

or

Epiphany (if celebrated)

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12; *Matthew 2:1-12 (10)*

January 10 – In the beginning

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

January 17 – Come and see

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51 (46)

January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 24– Follow me

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20 (17)

January 31 – Great are the works of the Lord

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111 (2)
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

February 7 – They shall mount up with wings like eagles

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

February 14 – God shines forth

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

or

Transfiguration (if celebrated)

2 Kings 2:1-12; *Psalm 50:1-6 (2)*
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 17 – Ash Wednesday

February 21 – LENT 1 / Teach me your paths

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10 (4)
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 28 – LENT 2 / The poor shall eat

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31 (26)
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

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Quarter 3 – Spring 2021 (Year B)

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March 5 – World Day of Prayer

March 7 – LENT 3 / Remember the sabbath

Exodus 20:1-17 (8)
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 14 – LENT 4 / For God so loved the world

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21 (16)

March 21 – LENT 5 / We wish to see Jesus

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 *or* Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33 (21)

March 28 – PALM SUNDAY / He humbled himself

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11 *or* John 12:12-16
or

Liturgy of the Passion (if celebrated)

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; *Philippians 2:5-11 (8)*;
Mark 14:1-15:47 *or* Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

April 1 – MAUNDY THURSDAY /

I have set you an example

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (15)

April 4 – EASTER / I have seen the Lord

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *or* Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 (18) or Mark 16:1-8

April 11 – When kindred live together in unity

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133 (1)
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18 – He opened their minds

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48 (45)

April 25 – I fear no evil

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23 (4)
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 2 — Love one another

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21 (12)
John 15:1-8

May 9 – Sing praises to the Lord (Mother's Day)

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98 (5)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16 – Your word is truth

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19 (17)

May 23 – PENTECOST / I will put my Spirit within you

Acts 2:1-21 *or* *Ezekiel 37:1-14 (14) ESV*
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 *or* Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30 – Born of water and Spirit

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17 (5)

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Quarter 4 – Summer 2021 (Year B)

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June 6 – We do not lose heart

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (16)
Mark 3:20-35

June 13 – Sprout and grow

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13
Psalm 20
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34 (27)

June 20 – His steadfast love endures forever (Father's Day)

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20 *or* 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16
Psalm 133
Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (1)
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 27 – Great is your faithfulness

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24
or Lamentations 3:22-33 (23)
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 4 – I am sending you

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
Ezekiel 2:1-5 (3)
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 11 – The riches of his grace

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14 (17)
Mark 6:14-29

July 18 – He restores my soul

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23 (3)
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25 – Rooted and grounded in love

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21 (17)
John 6:1-21

August 1 – I am the bread of life

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35 (35)

August 8 – Be imitators of God

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (1)
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15 – Walk in the way

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Proverbs 9:1-6 (6)
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22 – Serve the Lord

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (18)
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29 – Every perfect gift is from above

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27 (17) ESV
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23