

# Biblical Passages used in Mennonite Bulletin Series

## *from The Revised Common Lectionary*

Years A & B: September 2017 through August 2018

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## YEAR A

# QUARTER 1

### September 3, 2017

I walk in faithfulness to you  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

### September 10, 2017

Where two or three are gathered  
Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### September 17, 2017

Abounding in steadfast love  
Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 24, 2017

You are gracious God  
Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

### October 1, 2017

Jesus Christ is Lord  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

### October 8, 2017

The fruits of the kingdom  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

### October 15, 2017

On this mountain  
Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

### October 22, 2017

A new song  
Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

### October 29, 2017

You shall love  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

### November 5, 2017

From every nation  
Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

*or*

All Saints (additional scriptures)  
Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### November 12, 2017

Encourage one another  
Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### November 19, 2017

Belong to the day  
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### November 26, 2017

I will seek the lost  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

## YEAR B

# QUARTER 2

### December 3, 2017, Advent 1

Hope  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### December 10, 2017, Advent 2

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

### December 17, 2017, Advent 3

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

### December 24, 2017, Advent 4

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

### December 25, 2017, Christmas Day

Good news  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

*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 31, 2017

Light for all nations  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

### January 7, 2018, Baptism of the Lord

Baptized in the name of the Lord  
Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

*or*

### Epiphany (additional Scriptures)

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

### January 14, 2018

You know all about me  
1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

### January 21, 2018

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

### January 28, 2018

Give thanks to the Lord  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### February 4, 2018

Entrusted with a commission  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### February 11, 2018, Transfiguration

Sunday  
Let light shine out of darkness  
2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

*or*

Transfiguration (additional scriptures)  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### February 18, 2018, Lent 1

This is the sign of the covenant  
Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### February 25, 2018, Lent 2

It depends on faith  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38 *or* Mark 9:2-9

# QUARTER 3

## **March 4, 2018**, Lent 3

The law of the Lord is perfect  
Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

## **March 11, 2018**, Lent 4

By grace you have been saved  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

## **March 18, 2018**, Lent 5

A new and right spirit  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12 *or* Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

## **March 25, 2018**, Palm Sunday/

Passion Sunday  
Blessed is the one  
Liturgy of the Palms  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Mark 11:1-11 *or* John 12:12-16  
Liturgy of the Passion  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47  
*or* Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

## **March 29, 2018**, Maunday Thursday

Do this in remembrance  
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

## **April 1, 2018**, Easter

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

## **April 8, 2018**

Life was revealed  
Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

## **April 15, 2018**

We are witnesses  
Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

## **April 22, 2018**

I am the good shepherd  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

## **April 29, 2018**

Abide in me  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

## **May 6, 2018**

You are my friends  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

## **May 13, 2018**

Their delight is . . . the Lord  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

## **May 20, 2018**, Pentecost

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

## **May 27, 2018**

That the world might be saved  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

# QUARTER 4

## June 3, 2018

Observe the Sabbath  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

## June 10, 2018

Hope in the Lord  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

## June 17, 2018

Everything has become new  
Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

## June 24, 2018

Peace, be still  
Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

## July 1, 2018

You have healed me  
Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

## July 8, 2018

I lift up my eyes  
Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

## July 15, 2018

Glorious grace  
Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

## July 22, 2018

Beside still waters  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## July 29, 2018

The Lord is faithful  
2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

## August 5, 2018

The grain of heaven  
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

## August 12, 2018

Taste and see  
1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

## August 19, 2018

Do good  
Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

## August 26, 2018

We will serve the Lord  
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69