

The Grace Vine – May, 2023

*Daily Bible Readings for May 2023

The Epistle texts (in the book of ACTS) for May lead up to the exciting and imperative last Sunday in May – Pentecost Sunday, the day we all wear RED. The day we remember the great sermon of Simon Peter. The Gospel readings are from the book of John.... all of them are prior to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. John writes from his position as leader of the so-called Johannine Community. John is quite different from the other three gospels, which are called the three parallel gospels. Mark was written first and Matthew and Luke copied and expanded the stories in Mark. Enjoy the John and Acts stories.

5-1 M Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:17-23

1 Peter 5:1-5

5-2 Tu

Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:23-31

Hebrews 13:20-21

5-3 W

Psalm 100

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Matthew 20:17-28

Easter 5

5-4 Th

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Genesis 12:1-3

Acts 6:8-15

5-5

F

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Exodus 3:1-12

Acts 7:1-16

5-6

Sa

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Jeremiah 26:20-24

John 8:48-59

5-7

Su

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Enduring Witnesses)

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

5-8

M

Psalm 102:1-17

Exodus 13:17-22

Acts 7:17-40

5-9

Tu

Psalm 102:1-17

Proverbs 3:5-12

Acts 7:44-56

5-10

W

Psalm 102:1-17

Proverbs 3:13-18

John 8:31-38

Easter 6

5-11 Th

Psalm 66:8-20

Genesis 6:5-22

Acts 27:1-12

5-12	F	Psalm 66:8-20 Genesis 7:1-24 Acts 27:13-38
5-13	Sa	Psalm 66:8-20 Genesis 8:13-19 John 14:27-29
5-14	Su	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (Witness of Love)</i> Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
5-15	M	Psalm 93 Genesis 9:8-17 Acts 27:39-44
5-16	Tu	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 5:22-33 1 Peter 3:8-12
5-17	W	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31:1-13 John 16:16-24
Easter 7		
5-18	Th	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i> Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
5-19	F	Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-7
5-20	Sa	Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:13-15 John 8:21-30
5-21	Su	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (Spirit of Witness)</i> Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
5-22	M	Psalm 99 Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4:1-6
5-23	Tu	Psalm 99 Numbers 16:41-50 1 Peter 4:7-11

5-24 W Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36

Pentecost

5-25 Th Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11

5-26 F Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

5-27 Sa Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

5-28 Su *Day of Pentecost*
Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

5-29 M Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
Romans 8:18-24

5-30 Tu Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
Romans 8:26-27

5-31 W Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Numbers 11:24-30
John 7:37-39

*The foundational premise of these daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday and festival lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. The first citation listed in each daily set is the suggested psalm or other scriptural canticle, followed by the two suggested readings for the day. (Additional daily readings are not provided for Sundays and festivals.) Consult Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings (Augsburg Fortress, 2005) for a fuller explanation of the background and principles of this daily lectionary, together with brief reading descriptors and complete indexes. Permission is granted to individual congregations and similar non-profit, non-commercial groups to reproduce excerpts from the table of readings, provided the reproductions are for the group's own onetime, local worship and educational activities and are not for sale. Please include this copyright notice on all reproductions: Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings, copyright © 2005 Consultation on Common Texts. www.commontexts.org