



Start Local, Stay Vocal

Scripture and Lectionary References for the Justice Choir Songbook, Volume 1

| Song- book # | Title | Scripture | Revised Common Lectionary (Year: Week) | Themes |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | A Bridge is Stronger Than a Wall | Ephesians 2: 14 | B: Proper 11 (16) | <i>Unity, Welcoming the stranger, love, diversity, World Communion Sunday</i> |
| | | Galatians 3: 28 | C: Proper 7 (12) | |
| | | Leviticus 19: 33 - 34 | | |
| | | Matthew 25: 35 - 36 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Matthew 5: 46 - 48 | A: 7th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Romans 15: 7 | A: 2nd Sunday of Advent | |
| 2 | Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round | Exodus 6: 2 - 13 | | <i>Freedom</i> |
| 3 | Ana El Na (Please God, Heal Us) | Acts 10: 38 | A: Epiphany Sunday; A/B/C Easter | <i>Healing, renewal</i> |
| | | Isaiah 40: 31 | B: 2nd Sunday of Advent | |
| | | John 6: 2 | B: Proper 12 (17) | |
| | | Luke 6: 19 | C: 6th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Luke 7: 21 | | |
| | | Luke 9: 11 | | |
| | | Mark 6: 53- 56 | B: Proper 11 (16) | |
| | | Matthew 4: 23 | A: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Number 12: 13 | | |
| 4 | Another World is Possible | Psalms 104: 30 | A/B/C: Easter | <i>Renewal</i> |
| 5 | Be the Change | 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11 | C: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany | <i>Light, Speaking out, spiritual gifts</i> |
| | | Matthew 5: 14 | A: 5th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Proverbs 31: 9 | | |

A note about this compilation: The scripture references and thematic suggestions are mine alone, with some ideas from a few of the composers. In no way do I mean to suggest that the composers had these scriptures in mind when they wrote their pieces --- certainly, the composers may or may not come from a Judeo-Christian tradition or in fact from any faith tradition at all. The intention of suggesting readings and themes for each piece is to encourage these songs to be used in worship – and to find ways that faith communities might see new ways of incorporating social justice music into their services. — Jennifer Anderson, Director of Music Ministry at Central Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

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| 6 | Bend the Arc! | Deuteronomy 10: 17—19 | | <i>Human rights, Welcoming the stranger</i> |
| | | Deuteronomy 24: 17 | | |
| 7 | Chorus from "One" | 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 13 | C: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | <i>Unity</i> |
| | | 1 Peter 3: 8 | | |
| | | Ephesians 4: 3, 16 | B: Proper 13 (18) | |
| | | Galatians 3: 28 | C: Proper 7 (12) | |
| | | Psalms 133: 1 | B: Easter; A: Proper 15 (20); B: Proper 7 (12) | |
| 8 | Courage to Be Who We Are | Acts 10: 15 | | <i>LGBTQ, Generations, Remembrance</i> |
| | | Acts 8: 26 - 40 | B: Epiphany Sunday | |
| | | Galatians 3: 23 - 29 | C: Proper 7 (12) | |
| | | Genesis 1: 26 - 27 | A: Trinity Sunday; A/B/C: Easter Vigil | |
| | | Isaiah 43: 1 | C: Epiphany Sunday | |
| | | Psalms 139: 1 - 6, 13 - 18 | B: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany; B: Proper 4 (9); C: Proper 18 (23) | |
| 9 | Hold On (Eyes on the Prize) | Philippians 3: 14 | C: Lent 5; A: Proper 22 (27) | <i>Perseverance</i> |
| 10 | I Lift My Voice | 1 Peter 3: 8 | | <i>Unity, Speaking out</i> |
| | | Galatians 6: 10 | C: Proper 9: (14) | |
| | | Proverbs 3: 27 - 35 | | |
| | | Proverbs 31: 8 - 9 | | |
| | | Psalms 133: 1 | B: Easter; A: Proper 15 (20); B: Proper 7 (12) | |
| 11 | If Not Now, When? | Hebrews 3: 7- 10 | | <i>Human rights, peacemaking</i> |
| | | Ecclesiastes 3: 1– 8 | A/B/C: New Year's Day | |
| | | Proverbs 3: 27 - 35 | | |
| | | Proverbs 31: 8 - 9 | | |
| 12 | If You Want Peace (Work for Justice) | Matthew 5: 9 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany; A: All Saints Day | <i>Peacemaking, speaking truth</i> |
| | | Romans 12: 18 - 21 | A: Proper 17 (22) | |

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| 13 | Intro to "Fight with Tools" | Isaiah 11: 2 | A: 2nd Sunday of Advent | <i>Knowledge and wisdom</i> |
| | | Proverbs 1: 7 | | |
| | | Proverbs 18: 15 | | |
| | | Proverbs 2: 6 | | |
| | | Psalms 119: 66 | | |
| 14 | Liberty and Justice for All | Ephesians 5: 8 - 9 | A: 4th Sunday of Lent | <i>Unity, Speaking out</i> |
| | | Exodus 13: 21 - 22 | | |
| | | Isaiah 2: 2 - 4 | A: 1st Sunday of Advent | |
| | | John 12: 35 | A/B/C: Tuesday of Holy Week | |
| | | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| 15 | Lift Every Voice and Sing | Exodus 15 | A: Proper 19 (24); A/B/C: Easter Vigil | <i>National holidays, Freedom, Hope</i> |
| | | Exodus 19: 3 - 6 | A: Proper 6 (11) | |
| | | Hebrews 11: 8 - 16 | C: Proper 14 (19) | |
| | | Isaiah 43: 1 - 5 | C: Epiphany Sunday | |
| | | Proverbs 4: 18 | | |
| | | Psalms 13: 6 | A: Proper 8 (13) | |
| | | Psalms 137 | C: Proper 22 (27) | |
| | | Psalms 85 | C: Proper 12 (17) | |
| 16 | Lift Up Your Voice | Psalms 32: 11 | C: Proper 26 (31) | <i>Speaking out</i> |
| | | Psalms 35: 27 | | |
| | | Proverbs 31: 8 - 9 | | |
| 17 | Listen to the People | Amos 5: 24 | A: Proper 27 (32) | <i>National holidays</i> |
| | | Ecclesiastes 3: 7 | A/B/C: New Year's Day | |
| | | Hebrews 10: 30 | | |
| | | Proverbs 21: 15 | | |
| | | Psalms 37: 27 - 29 | C: 7th Sunday after Epiphany | |

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| 18 | Love Is Love Is Love Is Love | 1 Corinthians 13 | C: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | <i>Love, LGBTQ</i> |
| | | 1 John 4: 7 - 8 | B: 5th Sunday of Easter | |
| | | John 13: 34-35 | A/B/C: Maundy Thursday; C: 5th Sunday of Easter | |
| | | Matthew 22: 37 - 40 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| 19 | ¡No Nos Moverán! (We Shall Not Be Moved) | Deuteronomy 10:19 | | <i>Human rights</i> |
| | | Jeremiah 17:8 | C: 6th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Leviticus 19: 33—34 | | |
| | | Matthew 25: 40 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Psalms 1:3 | B: 7th Sunday of Easter; C: 6th Sunday after Epiphany; A: Proper 25 (30); B: Proper 20 (25); C: Proper 18 (23) | |
| 20 | Oh, Be Swift to Love | John 13: 34—35 | C: 5th Sunday of Easter; A/B/C: Maundy Thursday | <i>Love</i> |
| | | Matthew 22: 37 - 40 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| 21 | Oh, I Woke Up This Morning | 1 Corinthians 14: 15 | | <i>Peace, hope</i> |
| | | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| 22 | One Foot/Lead With Love | Hebrews 13:1 | C: Proper 17 (22) | <i>Love, unity, hope, strength</i> |
| | | John 13: 34—35 | C: 5th Sunday of Easter; A/B/C: Maundy Thursday | |
| | | Luke 10: 27 | C: Proper 10 (15) | |
| 23 | Please Don't Take My Freedom From Me | 2 Corinthians 3: 12—4: 4 | C: Transfiguration Sunday | <i>Freedom, equal rights</i> |
| | | Galatians 5: 1, 13—14 | C: Proper 8 (13) | |
| 24 | Resilience | 2 Corinthians 4: 8—9 | B: 9th Sunday after Epiphany; B: Proper 4 (9) | <i>Unity, strength, perseverance</i> |
| | | Galatians 6: 9 | C: Proper 9 (14) | |
| | | Jeremiah 29: 11 | | |
| | | Joshua 1: 9 | | |
| | | Philippians 4: 13 | | <i>(Continued)</i> |

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| | Resilience (<i>continued</i>) | Psalm 27 | C: 2nd Sunday in Lent | |
| | | Psalm 31 | | |
| | | Romans 15: 1 | | |
| | | The Book of Job: 4: 3—4; 10: 11—12; 33: 4; 39: 19— 24 | | |
| 25 | Rise | Exodus 23: 9 | | <i>Freedom, equal rights, love, unity, diversity</i> |
| | | Galatians 5: 14 | C: Proper 8 (13) | |
| | | Leviticus 19: 33—34 | | |
| | | Luke 10: 29—37 | C: Proper 10 (15) | |
| | | Psalm 65: 1—6 | A: Thanksgiving Day (USA); B: Proper 25 (30); A: Thanksgiving Day (Canada) | |
| 26 | Sawubona (I See You) | 1 Thessalonians 5: 11 | A: Proper 28 (33) | <i>World Communion Sun- day, Welcoming the stranger, unity, diversity</i> |
| | | John 13: 34 | C: 5th Sunday of Easter; A/B/C: Maundy Thursday | |
| 27 | Sing for Justice | Matthew 5: 9 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany; A: All Saints Day | <i>Peacemaking, unity, speaking out</i> |
| | | Romans 12: 16 - 21 | A: Proper 17 (22) | |
| 28 | Take a Stand | Luke 18: 1 - 8 | C: Proper 24 (29) | <i>Speaking out</i> |
| 29 | The Place Called Planet Earth | Ezekiel 34: 18 | | <i>Earth Day, eco-justice</i> |
| | | Genesis 1, 2: 1—4a | A: Trinity Sunday; A/B/C: Easter Vigil | |
| | | Jeremiah 2: 7 | C: Proper 17 (22) | |
| 30 | This is What Democracy Looks Like | | | <i>National Holidays, unity, speaking out</i> |
| 31 | To Testify | Acts 18: 9—10 | | <i>Speaking out</i> |
| | | Colossians 3: 16 | C: 1st Sunday after Christmas Day | |
| | | Ecclesiastes 3:7 | A/B/C: New Year's Day | |
| | | Ephesians 4: 29 | B: Proper 14 (19) | <i>(Continued)</i> |

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| | To Testify (<i>continued</i>) | Ephesians 5: 11 | A: 4th Sunday of Lent | |
| | | Luke 12:3 | | |
| | | Luke 19: 40 | C: Liturgies of the Palms | |
| | | Proverbs 31: 8—9 | | |
| 32 | Walking By Me | Galatians 3: 28 | C: Proper 7 (12) | <i>Gifts of Women, unity, strength</i> |
| | | Joshua 1: 9 | | |
| | | The Books of Ruth and Esther | | |
| 33 | Water Song (Nibi Nagamowin) | Genesis 1 | A: Trinity Sunday; A/B/C: Easter Vigil | <i>Earth Day, eco-justice</i> |
| | | Psalms 24: 1 - 2 | B: Proper 10 (15); B: All Saints Day | |
| | | Psalms 1: 3 | B: 7th Sunday of Easter; C: 6th Sunday after Epiphany; A: Proper 25 (30); B: Proper 20 (25); C: Proper 18 (23) | |
| | | Psalms 65: 9 - 13 | A: Proper 10 (15) | |
| 34 | We Are Rising Up | Amos 5: 24 | A: Proper 27 (32) | <i>Speaking out, strength, unity, eco-justice</i> |
| | | Matthew 22: 37 - 40 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| 35 | We Choose Love | 1 John 4: 7—8 | B: 5th Sunday of Easter | <i>Love, unity</i> |
| | | John 13: 34—35 | C: 5th Sunday of Easter; A/B/C: Maundy Thursday | |
| | | John 15: 12—13 | B: 6th Sunday of Easter | |
| | | Luke 6: 27-28 | C: 7th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Matthew 22: 37—40 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| 36 | We Shall Overcome | 2 Corinthians 13:11 | A: Trinity Sunday | <i>Strength, unity, freedom</i> |
| | | Isaiah 11: 6—9 | A: 2nd Sunday of Advent | |
| | | John 13: 34 | C: 5th Sunday of Easter; A/B/C: Maundy Thursday | |
| | | Malachi 2: 10 | | |
| | | Romans 12: 21 | A: Proper 17 (22) | |
| | | Romans 8: 37 | A: Proper 12 (17) | |

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| 37 | We Sing For Justice | Micah 6: 8 | A: 4th Sunday after Epiphany | <i>Unity, diversity, peace-making</i> |
| 38 | We Walk In Love | Ephesians 4: 15 | B: Proper 13 (18) | <i>Welcoming the stranger, speaking the truth in love</i> |
| | | Proverbs 31: 8—9 | | |
| 39 | We Will Sing | Ephesians 2: 14 | B: Proper 11 (16) | <i>Unity, Welcoming the stranger, love, diversity, World Communion</i> |
| | | Galatians 3: 28 | C: Proper 7 (12) | |
| | | Leviticus 19: 33 - 34 | | |
| | | Matthew 25: 35 - 36 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Matthew 5: 46 - 48 | A: 7th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Romans 15: 7 | A: 2nd Sunday of Advent | |
| 40 | We're Free | 1 Corinthians 12: 14 | C: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | <i>Freedom, unity, love, welcoming the stranger</i> |
| | | Ephesians 4: 32 | B: Proper 14 (19) | |
| | | Hebrews 10: 24 | B: Proper 28 (33) | |
| 41 | We're Gonna Shine | Daniel 12: 3 | B: Proper 28 (33) | <i>Creation, Light, Eco-justice</i> |
| | | Ephesians 5: 8 | A: 4th Sunday of Lent | |
| | | Genesis 1 | A: Trinity Sunday; A/B/C: Easter Vigil | |
| | | John 12: 36a | A/B/C: Tuesday of Holy Week | |
| | | Matthew 5: 14 - 16 | A: 5th Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | Psalms 119: 105 | A: Proper 10 (15) | |
| 42 | We've Got the Right | | | <i>National holidays</i> |
| 43 | When We Are Singing | 1 John 3: 17 | B: 4th Sunday of Easter | <i>Sharing, peacemaking, helping others, healing</i> |
| | | Hebrews 13: 1 - 3, 16 | C: Proper 17 (22) | |
| | | James 2: 14 - 17 | B: Proper 18 (23) | |
| | | Matthew 25: 35 - 40 | A/B/C: New Year's Day; A: Proper 29 (34) | |
| | | Philippians 2: 4 | A: Proper 21 (26) | |