

Psalm 51: Be Merciful

Ash Wednesday Psalm

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

- 1.a. Have mer-cy on me, O God, /// in your good - ness;
 1.b. Thor-ough-ly wash me from my guilt
- 2.a. For I ac-know-ledge my of - fense,**
2.b. "A-against you on-ly have I sinned,
- 3.a. A clean heart cre-ate for me, O God,
 3.b. Cast me not out from your pres - ence,
- 4.a. Give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion,**
4.b. O Lord,/// o - pen my lips,

- 1.a. In the great-ness of your com-pas-sion wipe out my of - fense.
 1.b. And of my sin cleanse me.
- 2.a. And my sin is be-fore me al - ways:**
2.b. And done what is e-vil in your sight."
- 3.a. And a stead-fast spir-it re-new with - in me.
 3.b. And your Ho-ly Spir-it take not from me.
- 4.a. And a will-ing spir-it sus-tain in me.**
4.b. And my mouth shall pro-claim your praise.