



Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Music by Luke D. Rosen

For Cantor, SATB Choir, Piano, Guitar

Instrument Parts:

Flute
Clarinet in B^b
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Horn in F
Trumpet in B^b I & II
Trombone I & II
Tuba
Violin I & II

Responsorial Psalm for:

Ash Wednesday
First Sunday of Lent (A)
Season of Lent

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Gently ♩ = 90
Introduction

Piano

5

Pno.

Cantor Refrain

8

Cantor

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

Pno.

12

Cantor

sinned.

Choir

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

Pno.

15 C D Em Esus⁴ Em

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

Pno.

Verse 1,2,3,4
Freely

18 Em// D// D//

Choir

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your me - rcy; accord - ing to your great com - passion, blot out my trans - gressions.
2. My transgressions, truly I confess them; my sin is always be - fore me.
3. Create a pure heart for me, O God; do not cast me away from your presence; and do not take away your Spirit of grace; give me a new and steadfast spirit with - in me.
4. Restore in me the joy of your sal - vation, O Lord; and do not keep your anger against me; do not maintain in me a willing spirit. O

19 Am// Em// C// D//

Choir

Wash me completely from all iniquity, and cleanse me from my evil; and my sin is always before me. Do not cast me away from your presence; and do not take away your Spirit of grace; give me a new and steadfast spirit within me. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

a tempo

Final Refrain

20 Em G/B C D G

Choir

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

Pno.

24 C D Em C D G

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

Pno.

28 C D Em m/D C D

Pno.

31 G C D Em G/B C

molto rit.

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Piano

5

C D G C D Em Em/D

Pno.

Cantor Refrain

8 Em G/B C D G C D

Cantor

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

Refrain

12 Em G/B C G

Cantor

sinned.

Choir

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

D Em Esus⁴ Em

Cantor

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

Verse 1,2,3,4

Freely

18 Em// D/E// Em// D//

Choir

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.
 2. My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me.
 3. Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.
 4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain me in mercy.

19 Am// Em// C//

Choir

Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
 Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have kept hidden.
 Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

a tempo

Final Refrain

20 Em G/B D G

Choir

sin. done. me. praise.
 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be

24 C D Em C D G

Choir

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

Em Em/D C D

molto rit.

31 G C D Em G/B C

Pno.

A Note on instrumentation for any Psalm Setting by Luke D. Rosen

1. Each psalm may be played with any combination of instruments with no obligation to use all instruments at all.
2. No dynamic markings are given in the scores: the composer wishes for the conductor or group/director to take liberties with dynamics and have them grow organically from the ensemble and the space.
3. The Horn in F and Trombone I parts double each other (unless otherwise noted in the score parts):

For Brass Quartet, use Trumpet I/II and Trombone I/II.

For Brass Quintet, use Trumpet I/II, Horn in F, Trombone II, and Tuba.

SAMPLE

Flute

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Introduction

Cantor Refrain

Refrain

Verse 1,2,3,4
Freely

a tempo

Final Chorus

molto rit.

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Clarinet in B \flat

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Introduction

4

9 Cantor Refrain

13 Refrain

Verse 1,2,3,4
Freely

18

cue: play:

a tempo

Final Refrain

20

25

4

molto rit.

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Alto Saxophone Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

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9 Cantor Refrain

13 Refrain

18 Verse 1,2,3,4
Freely

20 a tempo

Final Refrain

26

molto rit.

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Tenor Saxophone

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Introduction

3

9 Cantor Refrain

13 Refrain

18 Verse 1,2,3,4
Freely

cue: play:

20 a tempo Final Refrain

26

molto rit.

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Horn in F
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3



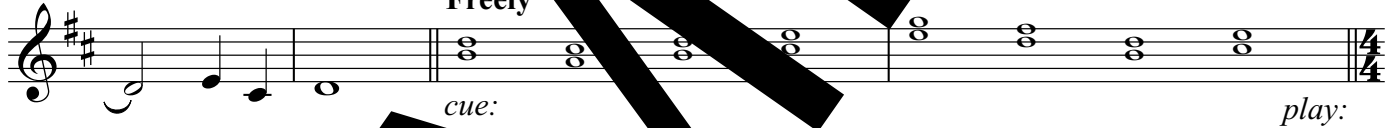
9 Cantor Refrain
3

Refrain



16

Verse
Freely



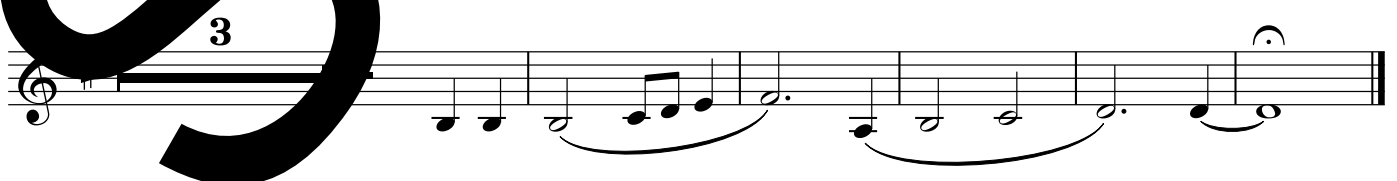
20

a tempo

Final Refrain



molto rit.



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Trumpet in B \flat I II Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

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Introduction

3

9 Cantor Refrain

3

Refrain

Verse 1,2,3,4

Freely

18

a tempo

20

Final Refrain

3

molto rit.

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Trombone I II

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Introduction

3

9 **Cantor Refrain** 3

16 **Verse 3, Freely**

play:

20 **a tempo** **1st Refrain**

molto rit.

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Tuba

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Violin I II

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Introduction
3

7 Cantor Refrain

13 Refrain

18 Verse 1,2,3,4
Freely

20 a tempo

25

molto rit.

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