

# Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

## Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

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Tone 4B Individual Lament

With contrition  $\text{♩} = 75$   
Antiphon

Harmony

Melody

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

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

Capo 1: Em Fm Am Bbm G Ab Bbm G Em Fm

### Verse 1

1. Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac-cord-ing to your mer-ci-ful love; ac-

Em7 Fm7 Bbm7 AmSUS2 BbmSUS2 Em7 Fm7 AmSUS2 BbmSUS2

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cord-ing to your great com-pas - sion, blot out my trans-gres-sions.

*Cmaj7* *AmSUS6* *Cmaj7* *Em* *Bbm* *D*  
*Dbmaj7* *BbmSUS6* *Dbmaj7* *Fm* *Bm* *Eb*

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Wash me com-plete-ly from my in-i-qui-ty, cleanse me from my sin.

*Am* *Em* *D* *EmSUS4* *BSUS4* *B*  
*Bbm* *Fm* *E* *FmSUS4* *CSUS4* *C*

Verse 2

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2. My trans-gres-sions, do not cover me; my sin is al-ways be-fore me. A-gainst

*Fm* *G* *Bm7* *AmSUS2* *Em7* *AmSUS2*  
*Fm* *Fm/Ab* *Fm7* *BbmSUS2* *Fm7* *BbmSUS2*



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you, you a-lone have I sinned; what is e-vil in your sight I have done

*Cmaj7* *AmSUS6* *Cmaj7* *D6* *EmSUS4* *BSUS4*  
*Dbmaj7* *BbmSUS6* *Dbmaj7* *Eb6* *FmSUS4* *CSUS4* *C*

Verse 3

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3. Cre - ate a pure heart for me, O re-new a fast spi-rit with - in me. Do not

*Em7* *Am/G* *Em7* *AmSUS2* *Em7* *AmSUS2*  
*Fm7* *Bbm/Ab* *Fm7* *BbmSUS2* *Fm7* *BbmSUS2*

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cast me a - way from your pre - sence; take not your ho - ly spi - rit from me.

*Cmaj7* *AmSUS6* *Cmaj7* *D6* *EmSUS4* *BSUS4* *B*  
*Dbmaj7* *BbmSUS6* *Dbmaj7* *Eb6* *FmSUS4* *CSUS4* *C*

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Verse 4

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4. Re - store in me the joy of your sal - va - tion; sus - tain in me a will - ing - ness to ser - ve you.

*Em7* *Am/G* *Em7* *AmSUS2* *Em7* *AmSUS2*  
*Fm7* *Bbm/Ab* *Fm7* *BbmSUS2* *Fm7* *BbmSUS2*

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Lord, o - pen my lips, and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

*Cmaj7* *AmSUS6* *Cmaj7* *D6* *EmSUS4* *BSUS4* *B*  
*Dbmaj7* *BbmSUS6* *Dbmaj7* *Eb6* *FmSUS4* *CSUS4* *C*

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