Turn Away from Sin

(A Lenten Season Ostinato)

Assembly, SATB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar, and Solo Instrument I & II in C

Based on Psalm 51:3, 5–6, 12–14 and Psalm 34:2–4, 9, 16, 18

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From the collection BE STILL AND KNOW I’M HERE Octavo Packet #30140466 Compact Disc #30140467
VERSES: General Lenten Season (Psalm 51)

1. Be merciful, be merciful.

2. Have mercy on me, have mercy on me.

3. I acknowledge my offenses, my sin is be -

4. A clean heart, a clean heart.

5. O give me back, O give me back.

OSTINATO REFRAIN

Turn away from sin. Turn away and be free.

Note: To familiarize the assembly with the ostinato refrain, cantor and/or unison choir could sing the refrain two or three times before the verses begin. Choir and assembly can then continue the refrain, either humming, or on “oo,” or with the lyrics, under the verses.
1. fully, for we have sinned.

2. me in your goodness, O God.

3. foremost. Against you I have sinned.

4. heart create in me, O God.

5. back the joy of your salvation.

Seek after goodness and light.

Seek after goodness and light, and light.

(C) F (Fine) B♭ Gsus4 G (Fine)
VERSES: Eucharist (Psalm 34)

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.

2. In him my soul shall be satisfied.

3. Taste and see, taste and see.

4. O blessed are the ones, O blessed are the ones.

5. The Lord turns his eyes to.

OSTINATO REFRAIN

Turn away from sin.

Turn away and be free.
1. times: praise God at all times.

2. boast; the humble shall be glad.

3. see the goodness of the Lord.

4. ones who seek refuge in the Lord.

5. just and listens to their cry.

Taste now the goodness of God.

(Fine)

(Fine)

rit. last time

rit. last time

rit. last time

Gsus4 G
(Fine)
OPTIONAL INTERLUDE

Gadd9       G       Gadd9       G       Cm/G

Play cues if no solo instr.

G       Cm/G       G       Cm/G       G

rit.

Cm/G       Gadd9       G       Gadd9       G
to Refrain/Verses
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SOLO INSTRUMENT I & II in C  Ricky Manalo, CSP

INTRO  Introspective, meditative (d' = ca. 92)

OSTINATO REFRAIN/VERSES 1-4

OPTIONAL INTERLUDE

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Gadd9 G Gadd9 G Cm/G G Cm/G

G Cm/G G Cm/G Gadd9 G Gadd9 G
Composer Notes

The original version of “Turn Away from Sin” was commissioned by the Norbertine Order in celebration of the 900th Anniversary of the Conversion of Saint Norbert (June 6). The text to the refrain is adapted from the story of the saint’s conversion in 1115. After being thrown from his horse during a thunderstorm, he heard the words from Psalm 34: “Turn away from evil and do good. Seek after peace and follow after it.”

There are two optional sets of refrains and verses. The first option includes verses from Psalm 51, the Responsorial Psalm for Ash Wednesday. Hence, this option could be sung throughout the entire Lenten season: e.g., during preludes, the preparation of gifts, reconciliation services, devotional processions, and retreat settings. The second option is intended for Communion processions during Mass. The verses are from Psalm 34, the Responsorial Psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (C). The refrain brings together the themes of repentance and the Eucharist as a source of God’s mercy and forgiveness, thus making this an ideal Communion ostinato for the Lenten Season. An optional musical interlude is provided.

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Titles in the Collection

*Be Still and Know I’m Here*

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Be Still and Know I’m Here
30140469 (print); 30140477 (PDF)

Holy Mary, Revealing Your Son
30140472 (print); 30140480 (PDF)

Love the Lord, Your God
30140471 (print); 30140479 (PDF)

O God, How Manifest Are Your Works
30140473 (print); 30140481 (PDF)

Turn Away from Sin
30140470 (print); 30140478 (PDF)

Mass of Christ the Inner Light

Keyboard/Choral: 30140476 (print); 30140484 (PDF)
Keyboard/Vocal: 30141010 (print); 30141011 (PDF)
Guitar/Vocal: 30140475 (print); 30140483 (PDF)
Choral: 30140474 (print); 30140482 (PDF)
Solo Instrument: 30141111 (PDF)
Assembly Editions

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Ostinato Refrain

Turn a-way from sin. Turn a-way and be free.

Seek af - ter good-ness and light.

Verses
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4. A clean heart, a clean heart create in me, O God.
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TURN AWAY FROM SIN
(Eucharist)

Ostinato Refrain

Turn a-way from sin. Turn a-way and be free.

Taste now the good-ness of God.

Verses
1. I will bless the Lord at all times: praise God at all times.
2. In the Lord my soul shall boast; the humble shall be glad.
3. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
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5. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and listens to their cry.

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