

Have Mercy on Me

Refrain: Antiphon 3 for Ash Wednesday and Psalm 51
 Verses: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

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REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 72)

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Note: The verses of this song are presented in the notational format used in OCP's contemporary psalter, *Spirit & Psalm*, which is included with your missal subscription. See that book's introduction for a more detailed explanation of this style. When the cantor sings the verses metrically, the keyboard accompanist plays all printed notes in the same tempo as the refrain while the cantor sings the lyrics in a rhythm that feels natural. If the cantor chooses to chant the verses, the keyboardist plays only the full-sized notes that support the melodic note changes (omitting cue-sized notes). Those notes are sustained until the next chord shown in full-sized notes. The accompaniment resumes a metrical feel at the "a tempo" marking.

VERSES: Metered or chanted

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the
 2. ♪ ♪ For I acknowledge my of - fense, and my
 3. A clean heart cre - ate for me, O God, and a
 4. ♪ Give me back the joy of your sal - vation, and a

Am E7/G#

1. greatness of your com - passion wipe out my of - fense. Thoroughly wash me from my
 2. sin is be - fore me al - ways: ——— ♪ “Against you only have I
 3. steadfast spirit re - new within me. Cast me not out from your
 4. willing spirit sus - tain in me. ♪ O Lord, open my

F C Am

1. guilt ♪ and of my sin cleanse me. ———
 2. sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.” ———
 3. presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. ———
 4. lips, ♪ and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise. ———

E7/G# F E7 E7/G# D.C.

(a tempo)