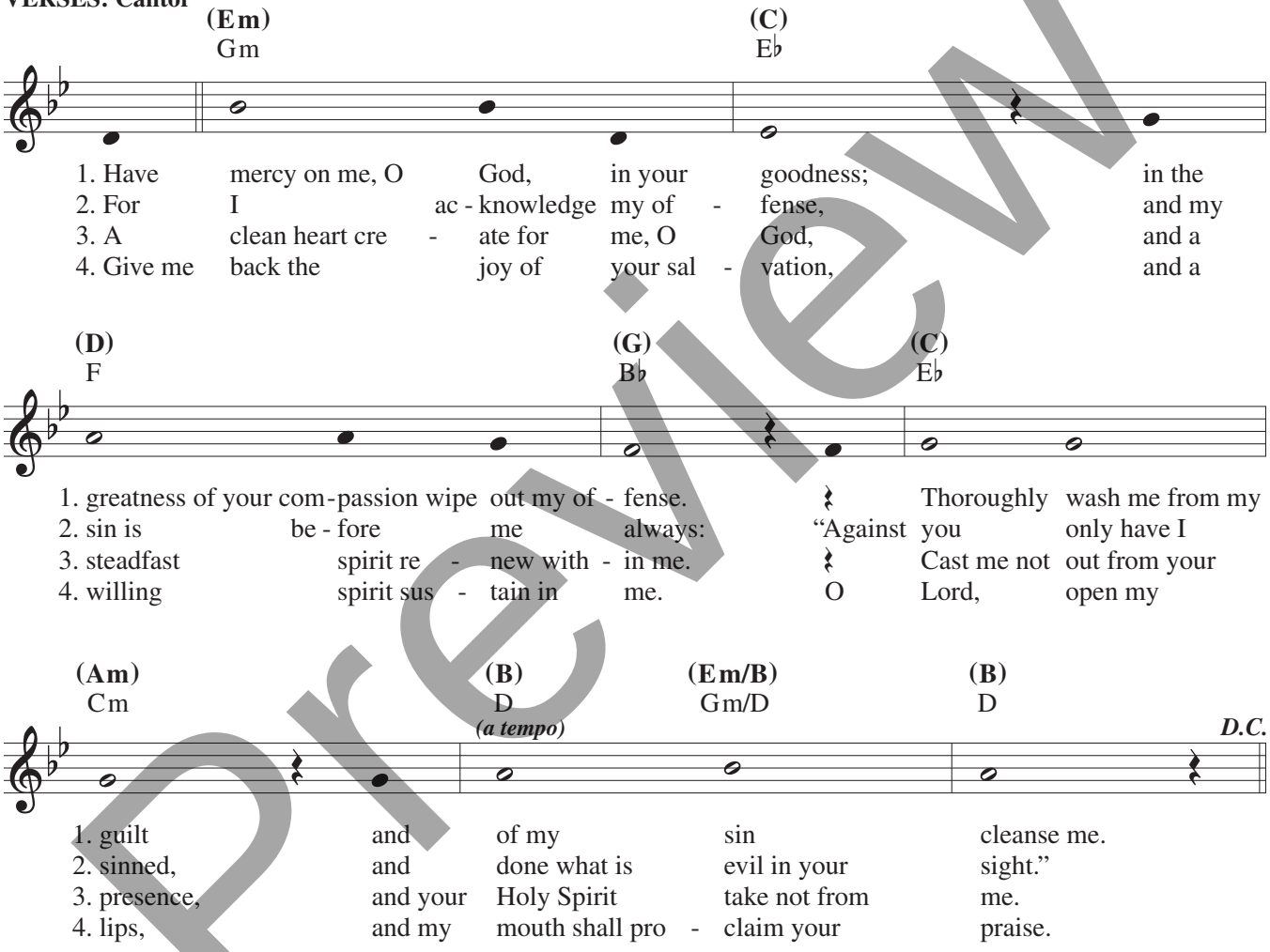
Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

RESPONSE: *(♩ = ca. 76)* **1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All**

VERSES: Cantor



Preview

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Note: The verses of this song are presented in the notational format used in OCP's contemporary psalter, *Spirit & Psalm*, the introduction of which contains a more detailed explanation of this style. When the cantor sings the verses metrically, the guitarist plays all chords 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 guitarist plays only the chord changes that support the melody. The accompaniment resumes a metrical feel at the *a tempo* marking.

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