

# Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

Ash Wednesday and First Sunday of Lent (A)

### Psalm 51: 3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

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Antiphon      Dm      B♭      Gm<sup>7</sup>      A      Dm

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

5      Dm      3      B♭      B♭maj<sup>7</sup>      C      Am      3      Am<sup>7</sup>      Dm

1. Have mer-cy on me, O God,      in your good-ness;      in the great-ness of your com - pas-sion

12      Gm<sup>7</sup>      A      Dm      3      Gm      C<sup>7</sup>      Dm      B♭      A<sup>7</sup>

wipe out my of-fense. Tho-rough-ly wash me from my guilt      and of my sin      cleanse me. Be

20      Dm      B♭      B♭maj<sup>7</sup>      C      Am      Am<sup>7</sup>      Dm      Gm<sup>7</sup>

2. For I ac-know-ledge all      my of - fense\_      and my sin      is be - fore me      al -

28      A      Dm      Gm      C<sup>7</sup>      Dm      B♭      A<sup>7</sup>

ways: "A-against you      on - ly have I sinned      and done what is e - vil      in your sight." Be

Dm      3      B♭      B♭maj<sup>7</sup>      C      Am      Am<sup>7</sup>      Dm      Gm<sup>7</sup>

3. A clean heart cre-ate in me,      O      God,\_      and a steadfast spi-rit re - new\_      in\_

A      Dm      3      Gm      C<sup>7</sup>      Dm      B♭      A<sup>7</sup>

me. Cast me not out      from your pre-sence      and your Ho - ly      Spi-rit      take not from me. Be

Dm      B♭      B♭maj<sup>7</sup>      C      Am      Am<sup>7</sup>      Dm      Gm<sup>7</sup>

4. Give me back the joy      of your sal - va-tion,      and a wil-ling spi-rit sus - tain\_      in\_

A      Dm      3      Gm      C<sup>7</sup>      Dm      B♭      A<sup>7</sup>

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