

Create a Clean Heart/Be Merciful

Psalm 51

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For Ash Wednesday and Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

The image shows a musical score for two voices, both in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with the lyrics 'Be - mer - ate - a - ci - ful, O Lord, for have sinned. Be - Cre - ate - a - ci - ful, clean O Lord, for have sinned. Be -'. The second staff continues with 'mer - ate - a - ci - ful, O Lord, heart in - cre - ate a clean heart in me, O God. sinned. God.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with some phrasing slurs and breath marks.

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness and in the greatness of your compassion, wipe away my offense. Thoroughly wash away my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.
2. Do not acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is before me always: my heart is true and my heart has not sinned, and there is no guile in my mouth. "and do not let me be what I am, for I am vile in your sight."
3. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
4. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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