

# Be Merciful, O Lord

Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, 16, 17, R. see v.3a

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Bm Em/B Bm /A G Bm/F# F#

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

5 Em Bm

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

For I acknowledge my offense, for my sin is before me always.  
That you may be justified in your sentence, vindicated when you speak.  
A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
Turn away your face from my sins, and blot out all my guilt.

7 Em/G

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.  
“Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.”  
Indeed, in guilt was I born, in sin my mother conceived me.  
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Free me from blood guilt, O God, my salvation, then my tongue shall revel in your justice.

## Verses used: Days of Lent / Feasts / Solemnities:

First Sunday of Lent (Year I) (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Ash Wednesday (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (Year II) (vs. 1, 2, 6)

Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time (Year I) (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)