

Be Merciful, O Lord, for We Have Sinned

Common Psalm—Season of Lent

Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17

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RESPONSE *cf. Psalm 51:3a*

Slow and pleading ♩ = 65

Cantor and Choir, Assembly sings soprano melody

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

A. Be mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, be mer—ci—ful, for— we have sinned. Be

8 T. Be—mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, be mer—ci—ful, for we have sinned. Be

B. Be—mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, for— we have sinned. Be

For rehearsal only

mer—ci—ful, O Lord, be mer—ci—ful, O Lord, be mer—ci—ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

mer—ci—ful, O Lord, be mer—ci—ful, O Lord, be—mer—ci—ful, for we—have sinned.

8 mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, be mer—ci—ful, for— we—have sinned.

mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, be—mer—ci—ful, for we have sinned.

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VERSES

Cantor

1. Have mer - cy on me, O God, — in your good - ness; in the

Cantor

2. For I ac - knowl - edge my of - fense, — and my

Cantor

3. A clean — heart cre - ate for me, O God, — and a

Cantor

4. Give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion, and a

Choir

S.A.

T.B.

1. great - ness of your com - pas - sion wipe out — my of - fense. — Thor - ough - ly wash me from my

2. sin — is be - fore me — al - ways. "A - gainst — you on - ly have I

3. stead - fast spir - it re - new — with - in me. Cast me not out — from your

4. will - ing spir - it sus - tain — in me. O Lord, o - pen my

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music. The first five staves are vocal lines with lyrics underneath. The sixth staff is a piano accompaniment. Each of the first five staves is followed by the text "To Response". A large, diagonal watermark reading "SAMPLE" is overlaid across the entire page.

1. guilty — and of my sin cleanse — me. *To Response*

2. sinned, have I sinned, and done — what is e - vil in your sight." *To Response*

3. pres - ence, and your Ho - ly Spir - it take — not from me. *To Response*

4. lips, — and my mouth shall pro - claim your — praise. *To Response*