

# Psalm 51

Miserere mei, Deus

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Psalm 51

ANTIPHON

*mp*

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

*mp*

*p*

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kind - ness;

*p*

\*in your great compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

*mf* *p*

2. Wash me through and through from my wick - ed; ness \*and cleanse me from all sin.

*mf* *p*

*mf*

3. For I know my trans - gres-sions, \* and my sin is ever be - fore me.

4. Against you only have I sinned \*and done what is evil in your sight.

5. And so you are justified when you speak \*and upright in your judg - ment.



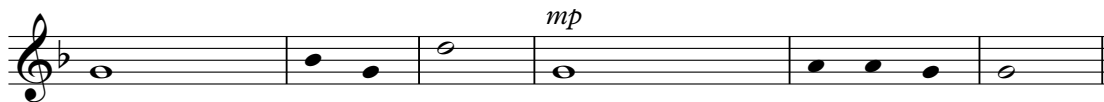
6. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \* a sinner from my mother's womb.

7. For behold, you look for truth deep with-in me, \*and will make me understand wisdom se-cret - ly.

8. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*wash me, and I shall be clean in - deed.



9. Make me hear the joy of glad-ness, \* that the body you have broken may re - joice.



10. Hide your face from my sins \* and blot out all my in - i - qui - ties.



11. Create in me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit with-in me.



12. Cast me not away from your pre - sence \* and take not your holy spi - rit from me.

13. Give me the joy of your saving help a - gain \*and sustain me with your bountiful Spi - rit.

*f* *mf*

14. I shall teach your ways to the wick-ed, \* and sinners shall re - turn to you.

*f* *mf* 3/31/11

*p* *mf*

15. Deliver me from death, O God, \*and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my sal -

*p* *mf*

*f*

va - tion. 16. Open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

*f*

*mf*

17. Had you desired it, I would have offered sac - ri - fice, \*but you take no delight in burnt of - fer - ings.

*f* *mp*

18. The sacrifice of God is a troub - led spi - rit; \*a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not de - spise.

*p* *cresc.*

19. Be favorable and gracious to Zi - on, \*and rebuild the walls of Je - ru - sa - lem.

*p* *cresc.*

*f*

20. Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices, with burnt offerings and ob - la - tions;

*f*

\* then shall they offer young bullocks up on your al - tar.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi-rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will

be for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

*mp*

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*mp*