

Ash Wednesday ABC

Ps. 51:3-4,5-6a,12-13,14,17

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system includes a Voice part and an Organ part. The Voice part has the lyrics: "Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The Organ part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with chords and single notes. The second system is an Organ part consisting of three staves (treble, middle, and bass clef) with chords and single notes.

1. Have mercy on me, *O* God,
according to your *mer-ci-ful* love;/
1st--according to your *great com-*passion,
2nd--blot out *my trans-*gressions./
3rd--Wash me completely from my *in-i-qui-*ty,
4th--and cleanse me **from my** sin.
2. My transgressions, truly I *know* them;
my sin is always be-*fore* me./
Against you, you alone, *have I* sinned;
what is evil in your sight **I have** done.
3. Create a pure heart for me, *O* God;
renew a steadfast spirit with-*in* me./
Do not cast me away *from your* presence;
take not your holy spirit **from** me.
4. Restore in me the joy of *your sal-*vation;
sustain in me a *wil-ling* spirit./
O Lord, open *my* lips
and my mouth shall pro-**claim your** praise.