

# Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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**INTRO** *Lively* (♩ = ca. 96)

Keyboard

**REFRAIN**

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Praise\_ to you, Lord Je- sus Christ, King of end- less glo - ry!\_

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1, 2 1: to Verse 2: D.S.

Praise \_ to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry! \_

1, 2 1: to Verse 2: D.S.

F Bb/F F/A C F Bb/C F

Final Fine

glo - ry! \_ King of end-less glo - ry! \_ King of end-less glo - ry! \_

Final Fine

Bb F C F Bb F C F Bb/C F

**VERSES: Cantor**

Ash Wednesday ABC: Psalm 95:8

1. If to - day \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ hear God's Word, turn

**Lent 3/4B: John 3:16**

2. God him - self so loved the world \_\_\_ that he

**Lent 4A: John 8:12**

3. I am the Light \_\_\_ of the World \_\_\_ says the Lord. \_\_\_ He that

**Lent 5A: John 11:25a, 26**

4. I am the res - ur - rec - tion and the life. \_\_\_ Be -

**Lent 5B: John 12:26**

5. If you serve \_\_\_ me, you must \_\_\_ fol - low me; and

S  
A  
T  
B  
F Bb/F F C F Bb/G C  
King of end-less glo - ry! —

*D.S.*

1. not a - way, hard - en not your hearts. \_\_\_

*D.S.*

2. gave the life of his on - ly \_\_\_ Son. \_\_\_

*D.S.*

3. fol-lows me will have the light of life. \_\_\_

*D.S.*

4. lieve in me and you shall not die. \_\_\_

*D.S.*

5. where I am you will al - so be. \_\_\_

*D.S.*

Hmm \_\_\_ King of end - less glo - ry! \_\_\_

*D.S.*

F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /C F

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 3: (D)  
F

(G/D) (D/F#)  
B♭/F F/A

(A) (D)  
C F

(Keyboard)

(G/E) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D)  
B♭/G C F C F C F B♭ F

## REFRAIN

(D) (G/D) (D/F#) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)  
[F] B♭/F F/A C F B♭/G C

Praise \_ to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry! \_

(D) (G/D) (D/F#) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
F B♭/F F/A C F B♭/C F

Praise \_ to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry! \_

1, 2 1: to Verse  
2: D.S.

**Final**  
(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
B♭ F C F B♭ F C F B♭/C F *Fine*

glo - ry! \_ King of end - less glo - ry! \_ King of end - less glo - ry! \_

## VERSE 1: Ash Wednesday ABC: Psalm 95:8

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)  
F B♭/F F C F B♭/G C

Cantor 3 Choir/All Cantor  
1. If to - day \_ you \_ hear God's Word, King of end - less glo - ry! \_ turn

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
F B♭/F F C F B♭/C F

Choir/All D.S.  
1. not a - way, hard - en not your hearts. \_ King of end - less glo - ry! \_

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## VERSE 2: Lent 3/4B: John 3:16

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /G C  
Cantor Choir/All Cantor

2. God him - self so loved the world King of end - less glo - ry! that he

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /C F  
Choir/All D.S.

2. gave the life of his on - ly Son. King of end - less glo - ry!

## VERSE 3: Lent 4A: John 8:12

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /G C  
Cantor Choir/All Cantor

3. I am the Light of the World says the Lord. King of end - less glo - ry! He that

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /C F  
Choir/All D.S.

3. fol - lows me will have the light of life. King of end - less glo - ry!

## VERSE 4: Lent 5A: John 11:25a, 26

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /G C  
Cantor Choir/All Cantor

4. I am the res - ur - rec - tion and the life. King of end - less glo - ry! Be -

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /C F  
Choir/All D.S.

4. lieve in me and you shall not die. King of end - less glo - ry!

## VERSE 5: Lent 5B: John 12:26

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /G C  
Cantor Choir/All Cantor

5. If you serve me, you must fol - low me; King of end - less glo - ry! and

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)  
F B $\flat$ /F F C F B $\flat$ /C F  
Choir/All D.S.

5. where I am you will al - so be. King of end - less glo - ry!

# Wash Me Clean

Refrain based on Psalm 51

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

**INTRO** (♩ = ca. 92)

Keyboard

Chords: Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb

Chords: Eb Cm Cm7/G Ab Bb Ab Ab/Bb Eb Ab/Eb

**REFRAIN**

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

Give me a clean heart, O God, a steady spirit for love.

Chords: Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb

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— Give me a joy - ful, will - ing heart; — wash me clean, —

E $\flat$  Cm Cm7/G A $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  A $\flat$ /B $\flat$

1-3 wash me clean. —

to Verses Final rit. Fine

E $\flat$  Gm/E $\flat$  A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$  1-3 to Verses Final rit. Fine

A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$



VERSES: Cantor

1. When I stum-ble and fall, \_\_\_\_\_ when I  
 2. When I fail \_\_\_\_\_ to wel - come, when my

3. Give me pu - ri - ty of heart, \_\_\_\_\_ a

S  
A Mm, wash me clean; \_\_\_\_\_

T  
B

[Eb] Cm Ab

1. fail to for - give, \_\_\_\_\_ when I give way to  
 2. words are a lie, \_\_\_\_\_ when my heart is \_\_\_\_\_

3. rev - 'rence for ev - 'ry liv - ing thing, sim - pli - ci - ty \_\_\_\_\_ in

mm, wash me clean; \_\_\_\_\_

Cm Ab

1. an - ger, \_\_\_\_\_ wash me clean!  
 2. pride - ful and cold, \_\_\_\_\_ wash me clean!

3. all the ways \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. \_\_\_\_\_ Wash me clean!

oo, wash me clean; \_\_\_\_\_ wash me

E<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub> C<sub>m</sub>/B<sub>b</sub>

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Free me from mis - trust, from big - ot - ry and  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ When tempt - ed and \_\_\_\_\_ weak, when sin - ful and \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Teach me to lis - ten to cries for com -

clean; \_\_\_\_\_ mm, wash me clean; \_\_\_\_\_

B<sub>b</sub> C<sub>m</sub> A<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub>

1. ha-tred, — free me from re-sent - ment, —  
 2. self-ish, — free me from the dark - ness of my shame,

3. pas-sion. — Make me — an in-stru-ment — of your peace, —

oo, wash me clean; — oh, wash me clean. —

*E<sub>b</sub> F7 E<sub>b</sub>/B<sub>b</sub> A<sub>b</sub>*

1,2. Lord, in your mer - cy! Give me a clean — *All D.S.*

3. — Lord, in your mer - cy! Give me a clean — *All D.S. al fine*

Have mer - cy Lord! Give me a clean — *D.S.*

*B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> Fm/E<sub>b</sub> D.S.*

Lenten Gospel Acclamation/Wash Me Clean

# Composer Notes

## *Lenten Gospel Acclamation*

It was a brief fantasy of mine to name this collection *Lent in the Major Key*, but that would have required me to exclude some perfectly useable songs in minor keys. Sing this acclamation with joyous enthusiasm. It is a song of praise, lifted up to greet the Word that is our salvation story. Cantors: use the spaces in the verses to insert your own *ad-lib* verse material. (Be sure to work it out ahead of time. Don't just wing it!)

## *Wash Me Clean*

The Church is hardly lacking in slow, minor key songs for Lent. This is not one of them. This piece sings of the bright, hopeful, joyous side of returning to our God with all our heart. It can be an effective piece to accompany the arduous exercises of the RCIA scrutinies. Another good use for this piece is in communal penance services as a kind of contemporary examination of conscience. The choral parts in the verses can easily draw in the assembly and bring out a litanic sensibility. In some parishes in my home diocese, the assembly sings these “background vocal” parts right along with the choir. On the recording, we employed a standard gospel SAT voicing. The published version includes traditional four-part texture.

—Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Preview

# Wash Me Clean

(Guitar/Vocal)

Refrain based on Psalm 51

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**INTRO** (♩ = ca. 92)

Capo 1: (D) (Em/D) (D) (A) (D) (Em/D) (D) (A)  
 Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb

(Keyboard)

(D) (Bm) (Bm7/F#) (G) (A) (G) (G/A) (D) (G/D)  
 Eb Cm Cm7/G Ab Bb Ab Ab/Bb Eb Ab/Eb

**REFRAIN**

(D) (Em/D) (D) (A) (D) (Em/D) (D)  
 Eb Fm/Eb Eb Bb Eb Fm/Eb Eb

Give me a clean heart, O God, a stead-fast spir-it

(A) (D) (Bm) (Bm7/F#) (G) (A) (G) (G/A)  
 Bb Eb Cm Cm7/G Ab Bb Ab Ab/Bb

for love. Give me a joy-ful, will-ing heart; wash me clean, -

(D) (F#m/D) (G/D) (G/A) (D) 1-3 (G/D) (D) Final (G/D) (D)  
 Eb Gm/Eb Ab/Eb Ab/Bb Eb Ab/Eb Eb Ab/Eb Eb

to Verses rit. Fine

wash me clean.

**VERSES 1, 2: Cantor**

(D) (Bm) (G) (Bm) (G)  
 Eb Cm Ab Cm Ab

1. When I stum-ble and fall, when I fail to for-give,  
 2. When I fail to wel-come, when my words are a lie,

(D) (G) (A)  
 Eb Ab Bb

1. when I give way to an-ger, wash me clean!  
 2. when my heart is pride-ful and cold, wash me clean!

(Bm/A) Cm/B $\flat$  (A) B $\flat$  (Bm) Cm (G) A $\flat$  (A) B $\flat$

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Free me from mis - trust, from big - ot - ry and  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ When tempt-ed and \_\_\_ weak, when sin - ful and \_\_\_

(D) E $\flat$  (E7) F7 (D/A) E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  (G) A $\flat$

1. ha - tred, \_\_\_ free me from re - sent - ment, \_\_\_  
2. self - ish, \_\_\_ free me from the dark - ness of my shame, \_\_\_

(A) B $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (Em/D) Fm/E $\flat$  D.S.

1,2. Lord, in your mer - cy! \_\_\_\_\_ Give me a clean \_\_\_

### VERSE 3: Cantor

(D) E $\flat$  (Bm) Cm (G) A $\flat$

3. Give me pu - ri - ty of heart, \_\_\_ a rev-'rence for ev -

(Bm) Cm (G) A $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (G) A $\flat$

3. - 'ry liv - ing thing, \_\_\_ sim - pli - ci - ty \_\_\_ in all the ways \_\_\_ of the world. \_\_\_

(A) B $\flat$  (Bm/A) Cm/B $\flat$  (A) B $\flat$  (Bm) Cm (G) A $\flat$

3. \_\_\_ Wash me clean! \_\_\_\_\_ Teach me to lis - ten

(A) B $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (E7) F7 (D/A) E $\flat$ /B $\flat$

3. to cries for com - pas - sion. \_\_\_ Make me \_\_\_ an in - stru - ment \_\_\_ of

(G) A $\flat$  (A) B $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (Em/D) Fm/E $\flat$  D.S. *al fine*

3. your peace, \_\_\_ Lord, in your mer - cy! \_\_\_\_\_ Give me a clean \_\_\_

### LENTE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Refrain  
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### WASH ME CLEAN

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Refrain  
Give me a clean heart, O God, a stead-fast spir-it for love. Give me a joy-ful, will-ing heart; wash me clean, wash me clean.

Verses: Cantor

- When I stumble and fall, when I fail to forgive, when I give way to anger, wash me clean! Free me from mistrust, from bigotry and hatred, free me from resentment, Lord, in your mercy!
- When I fail to welcome, when my words are a lie, when my heart is prideful and cold, wash me clean!
- Give me purity of heart, a rev'ence for ev'ry living thing, simplicity in all the ways of the world. Wash me clean! Teach me to listen to cries for compassion. Make me an instrument of your peace, Lord, in your mercy!

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