

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

INTRO *Lively* (♩ = ca. 96)

Keyboard

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REFRAIN

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

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

[F] Bb/F F/A C F Bb/G C

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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! _

F Bb/F C F 1, 2 1: to Verse
2: D.S.

Final Fine

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

Final Fine

Bb F C F 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 love 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 of the life. Be -

Lent 5B: John 12:26

5. If you serve me, you must and

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King of end-less glo - ry! —

F Bb/F E C F Bb/G C

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 ___

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 Bb/F C F Bb/C F

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 3: (D) F (G/D) B♭/F (D/F#) F/A (A) C (D) F

(Keyboard)

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

REFRAIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cantor 3 Choir/All Cantor

1. If to - day_ you_ hear God's word, King of end - less glo - ry!_ turn

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

Choir/All D.S.

1. not a - way, hard - en not your hearts. King of end - less glo - ry!_

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

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/E) (A)
 F Bb/F F C F Bb/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 Bb/F F C F Bb/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 Bb/F F C F Bb/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 Bb/F F C F Bb/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 Bb/F F C F Bb/G C
 Cantor Choir/All Cantor

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

(D) (G/D) (D) (A) (D) (G/A) (D)
 F Bb/F F C F Bb/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 Bb/F F C F Bb/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 Bb/F F C F Bb/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

E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ B♭

E♭ Cm Cm7/G A♭ B♭ A♭ A♭/B♭ E♭ A♭/E♭

REFRAIN

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Give me a clean heart, O God a steady spir - it for love...

E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ B♭

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

E_b Cm Cm7/A_b A_b B_b A_b A_b/B_b

wash me clean

1-3 to Verses Final rit. Fine

E_b Gm/E_b A_b/E_b A_b/B_b A_b/E_b E_b A_b/E_b E_b

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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 _____ heart, _____ a

Mm, wash me clean; _____

[Eb] 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 _____ 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

1. _____ Free me from mis - try _____ 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; _____

Chord markings: Eb, Bb, Cm/Bb, Bb, C, Ab, Bb

WASH ME CLEAN

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 \flat F7 E \flat /B \flat A \flat

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 \flat E \flat Fm/E \flat *D.S.*

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 contemporary 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 churches 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

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Wash Me Clean

(Guitar/Vocal)

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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) (G) (G) (G/A) (D) (G/D)
 Eb Cm Cm7 Ab Ab/Bb Eb Ab/Eb

REFRAIN

(D) (Em/D) (D) (A) (D) (Em/D) (D)
 Eb Fm/Eb Eb 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) (G/D) (D) Final (G/D) (D)
 Eb Gm/Eb Ab/Eb Ab/Bb Eb Ab/Eb Eb Ab/Eb Eb

wash me clean.

VERSES 1, 2: Cantor

(D) (Bm) (G) (Bm) (G)
 Eb Cm 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,

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/Bb (A) Bb (Bm) Cm (G) Ab (A) Bb

1. _____ 7 Free me from mis - trust, from big - ot - ry and
 2. _____ When tempt-ed and___ weak, when sin - ful and___

(D) Eb (E7) F7 (D/A) Eb/Bb (G) Ab

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

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

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

VERSE 3: Cantor

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

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

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

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

(A) Bb (Bm/A) Cm/Bb (A) Bb (Bm) Cm (G) Ab

3. ___ Wash me clean! ___ Teach me to lis - ten

(A) Bb (D) Eb (E7) F7 (D/A) Eb/Bb

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

(G) Ab (A) Bb (D) Eb (Em/D) Fm/Eb D.S. al fine

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

LENTE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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

S wash me clean
When I stumble and 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!

A wash me clean
When I fail to welcome, when my words are a lie, when my heart is prideful and cold, wash me clean!

N wash me clean
When I am proud and when I am selfish, when I am afraid of the dark, when I am afraid of the world, when I am afraid of the world, wash me clean!

V wash me clean
When I am proud and when I am selfish, when I am afraid of the dark, when I am afraid of the world, when I am afraid of the world, wash me clean!

Verses: Cantor
1. When I stumble and 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!
2. When I fail to welcome, when my words are a lie, when my heart is prideful and cold, wash me clean!
3. When I am proud and when I am selfish, when I am afraid of the dark, when I am afraid of the world, when I am afraid of the world, wash me clean!

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