

PSALM 51: BE MERCIFUL, O LORD/CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME/I WILL RISE AND GO TO MY FATHER

REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 96) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Dm Gm C F B♭maj7

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

Gm C Dm *Fine*

Lord, for we have sinned. *Fine*

ALTERNATE REFRAIN 1: (♩ = ca. 96) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Dm Gm/D Gm C7 F

Cre - ate a clean heart in me, O God. Cre -

B♭maj7 Gm C Dm *Fine*

ate a clean heart in me, O God. *Fine*

ALTERNATE REFRAIN 2: (♩ = ca. 96) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Dm Gm/D Gm C7 F

I will rise and go to my fa - ther. I will

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Bbmaj7 Gm C7 E°/D Dm *Fine*

rise and go to my father.

VERSE 1

C F Gm C F

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your good-ness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my of-fense.

Gm Dm Bb C Gsus4 G *D.C./D.S.*

1. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

VERSES 2-4

C F Gm C F

2. For I acknowledge my of-fense, and my sin is be-fore me always:
 3. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit re-new with-in me.
 4. Give me back the joy of your sal-vation, and a willing spirit sus-tain in me.

Gm Dm Bb C Gsus4 G *D.C./D.S.*

2. "A - gainst you only have I sinned, and done what is e - vil in your sight."
 3. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
 4. O Lord, o - pen my lips, and my mouth shall pro-claim your praise.