

Ash Wednesday

Optional Responsorial Psalm during Distribution of Ashes

RESPONSE (♩ = 110)

Psalm 51 (50): 3b

R. Blot out my trans - gres - sions, O Lord.

STANZAS Psalm Tone: 2

Psalm 51 (50): 3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my of - fence.
2. My offences tru - ly I know them; my sin is al - ways be - fore me.
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spir - it with - in me.
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fer - vour sus - tain me.
5. O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
6. For in sacrifice you take no de - light, burnt offering from me you would re - fuse;

1. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
2. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight, I have done.
3. Do not cast me away from your presence; nor deprive me of your ho - ly spirit.
4. that I may teach transgres - sors your ways, and sinners may re - turn to you.
5. O Lord, o - pen my lips. and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.
6. my sacrifice, a con - trite spirit. A humbled contrite heart you will not spurn.

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