

# Ash Wednesday

Responsorial Psalm [The Abbey Psalms and Canticles / LiturgyShare + Saint Meinrad Archabbey]

RESPONSE (♩ = 90)

cf. Psalm 51 (50): 3a

Gm Dm F Eb Cm Dm

R. Have mercy on us, O LORD, for we have sinned.

STANZAS Psalm Tone: 3

Psalm 51 (50): 3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14+17

Dm 23456 Ebmaj7 3456 Dm 56 Cm 56 Dm 46 Gm7 23456 Dm7 Gm7 F Gm

1. Have mercy on me, **O God**,  
according to your **merciful love**;  
according to your **great compassion**,  
blot out **my transgressions**.  
Wash me completely from my **iniquity**,  
and cleanse me **from my sin**.
2. My transgressions, truly **I know them**,  
my sin is **always before 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 within me**.  
Do not cast me away from **your presence**,  
take not your holy **spirit from me**.
4. Restore in me the joy of your **salvation**,  
sustain in me a **willing spirit**.  
**O LORD**, open **my lips**  
and my mouth shall **proclaim your praise**.

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