

Psalm 51 - Common Worship

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(1874-1946)

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I Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;

according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my of-fences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wicked-ness and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I ac-know-ledge my faults and my sin is ev-er be-fore me.

4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is e-vil in your sight,

5 So that you are justified in your sentence and right-eous in your judgement.

6 I have been wicked even from my birth, a sin-ner when my mo-ther con-ceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep with - in me

and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may re - joice.

10 Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my mis - deeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.

12 Cast me not a - way from your presence and take not your ho - ly spi - rit from me.

2nd part 13 Give me again the joy of your sal - va - tion and sustain me with your gra - cious spirit.