

# Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

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## Response - Option I

Musical notation for Response - Option I. The melody is in G minor (one flat) and common time. The lyrics are: "Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, be mer-ci-ful. Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Chords are indicated above the staff: B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm, B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm.

## Response - Option II

Musical notation for Response - Option II. The melody is in G minor (one flat) and common time. The lyrics are: "Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Chords are indicated above the staff: B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm.

## Verse 1

Musical notation for Verse 1. The melody is in G minor (one flat) and 7/8 time. The lyrics are: "Have mer-cy on me, O God, in your good-ness; in the great-ness of your com-pas-sion wipe out my of-fense. Tho-rough-ly wash me from my guilt and of my sin, cleanse me." Chords are indicated above the staff: B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm, B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm, Gm7, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, Am7, B<sup>b</sup>Maj7, C6, B<sup>b</sup>Maj7, C6.

## Verse 2

Musical notation for Verse 2. The melody is in G minor (one flat) and 7/8 time. The lyrics are: "For I ack-know-ledge my of-fence, and my sin is be-fore-me al - ways: "A-against you on - ly have I sinned and done what is e - vil in your sight." Chords are indicated above the staff: B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm, B<sup>b</sup>, C, Dm, Gm7, Am7, Dm, Gm7, Am7, B<sup>b</sup>Maj7, C6, B<sup>b</sup>Maj7, C6.

Verse 3

28)   
 A clean heart cre - ate for me, O God, \_\_\_\_\_ and a stead - fast spi - rit \_\_\_\_\_ re -  
 32) \_\_\_\_\_ new with-in me. \_\_\_\_\_ Cast me not \_\_\_\_\_ out from your pre - sence, and your Ho - ly  
 35) \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit \_\_\_\_\_ take not from me. \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 4

38)   
 Give me back \_\_\_\_\_ the joy of your sal - va - tion, and a will - ing spi - rit \_\_\_\_\_ sus -  
 42) \_\_\_\_\_ tain in me. \_\_\_\_\_ O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ o - pen my \_\_\_\_\_ lips, \_\_\_\_\_ and my  
 45)   
 mouth shall pro - claim \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ praise. \_\_\_\_\_