

Be Merciful O Lord

Psalm 50

1st Sunday of Lent

Year A

NB. The smaller chord symbols are for simplified guitar using a capo in the 3rd fret.

Guitar: Capo 3 Em Em/G Am Am B7 Em

Be mer - ci-ful O Lord, Be mer - ci-ful O Lord. Be

Gm Gm/Bb Cm Adim7 D/C Gm/Bb Gm

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are "Be mer - ci-ful O Lord, Be mer - ci-ful O Lord. Be". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, starting with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and the same key signature. Chord symbols are placed above the piano staff: Gm, Gm/Bb, Cm, Adim7, D/C, Gm/Bb, and Gm.

mer - ci-ful O Lord for we have sinned

Eb Eb/D Cm7 Dsus D Gm Cm/G Gm

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff continues the vocal line with the lyrics "mer - ci-ful O Lord for we have sinned". The bottom staff continues the piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the piano staff: Eb, Eb/D, Cm7, Dsus, D, Gm, Cm/G, and Gm.

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Psalm Tone: Ps. 50

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and guitar chords above it: C, G, Dsus4, D, G, Em, C, Am6, B7. The second system has a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef staff and guitar chords above it: Eb, Bb, Fsus4, F, Bb, Gm, Eb, Cm6, D. The music is in a minor key and features a mix of half and quarter notes with various chord voicings.

1. Have mercy on me God, in you **kindness**.
In your compassion blot out **my** offense.
O wash me more and more from my **guilt**,
and **cleanse** me from **my** sin.

2. My offenses truly I **know** them;
my sin is al-**ways** before me.
Against you, you alone have I **sinned**;
what is evil in your sight I **have** done.

3. A pure heart create for me O **God**,
put a steadfast spi-**rit** within me.
Do not cast me away from your **presence**,
nor de-**prive** me of your ho-**ly** spirit.

4. Give me again the joy of your **help**;
with a spirit of fer-**vour** sustain me.
O Lord, open my **lips**,
and my **mouth** shall declare **your** praise.