

Be Merciful O Lord

A Responsorial Psalm for the Season of Lent

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/B^b Cm Adim⁷ D/C[#] Gm/B^b Gm

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a half note G3 and a treble line with a half note G4. The lyrics are "Be mer - ci - ful O Lord, Be mer - ci - ful O Lord. Be".

C C/B Am⁷ B⁷ Em Am Em

mer - ci - ful O Lord for we have sinned_____

E^b E^b/D Cm⁷ Dsus D Gm Gm^{sus} Gm

The second system of the musical score continues in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a bass line with a half note G3 and a treble line with a half note G4. The lyrics are "mer - ci - ful O Lord for we have sinned_____".

Be Merciful O Lord cont.

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Psalm Tone: Ps. 51

C G Dsus⁴ D G Em C Am⁶ B⁷

E^b B^b Fsus⁴ F B^b Gm E^b Cm⁶ D

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 deprive me of your ho-**ly** spirit.

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