

Be Merciful O Lord

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

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a melody with lyrics: "Be mer - ci - ful O Lord, Be mer - ci - ful O Lord. Be". The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords: Gm, Gm/B^b, Cm, Adim⁷, D/C, Gm/B^b, and Gm.

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line has lyrics: "mer - ci - ful O Lord for we have sinned_____". The piano accompaniment continues with chords: C, C/B, Am⁷, B⁷, Em, Am, and Em. The system concludes with a final chord of Gm and a fermata over the final note.

Be Merciful O Lord cont.

A Responsorial Psalm for the Season of Lent (1st Sunday of Year A)

Psalm Tone: Ps. 50

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 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.