

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

The image displays a musical score for the song "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert. It is arranged for voice and piano, with guitar chords indicated above the piano part. The score is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Vocal Part:

- Lyrics: "Be mer - ci - ful O Lord, Be mer - ci - ful O Lord. Be"
- Melody: The vocal line begins with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter note E-flat, and then a series of eighth and quarter notes. The melody is simple and melodic, typical of Schubert's style.

Piano Part:

- Accompaniment: The piano part provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. It features a steady rhythm with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The chords are indicated above the staff: Gm, Gm/Bb, Cm, Adim7, D/C, Gm/Bb, Gm, C, C/B, Am7, B7, Em, Am, Em, Eb, Eb/D, Cm7, Dsus, D, Gm, Gmsus, Gm.
- Texture: The piano part is written in a simple, homophonic style, with the right hand playing the melody and the left hand providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Chords and Harmonization:

- The chords are primarily triads and dyads, with some extended chords like the Adim7 and Gmsus.
- The progression moves from Gm to Cm, then to Adim7, D/C, Gm/Bb, and Gm. It then moves to C, C/B, Am7, B7, Em, Am, and Em. The final section starts with Eb, Eb/D, Cm7, Dsus, D, Gm, Gmsus, and Gm.

Lyrics:

Be mer - ci - ful O Lord, Be mer - ci - ful O Lord. Be
mer - ci - ful O Lord for we have sinned_____

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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-**vour** sustain me.
O Lord, open my **lips**,
and my mouth shall declare **your** praise.