

Ash Wednesday | First Sunday of Lent, Year A  
*Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17* | Richard J. Clark

**R**

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned.

**V**

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1. 1. Have mercy on me O God in your good - ness.  
 2. 2. For I acknow - ledge my off - ense,  
 3. 3. A clean heart create for me O God,  
 4. 4. Give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion,

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in the greatness of your com - passion wipe out my off - ense. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and my steadfast sin is be - fore me al - ways:  
 and a willing spir - it it re - new - with - in me.  
 and a spirit sus - tain \_\_\_\_\_ in me. \_\_\_\_\_

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*(optional organum)*

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.  
 "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."  
 Cast me not out from your pres - ence, and your holy spirit take not from me.  
 O Lord op - en my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.



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