Ash Wednesday

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

Refrain Sung by cantor and repeated by all

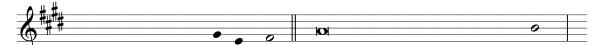


Be mer- ci- ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Verses Sung by cantor



Have mercy on me, O God, in your good-ness; in the greatness of your



compassion wipe out my of-fense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt



and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



For I acknowledge my of-fense, and my sin is before me al- ways:



"Against you only have I sinned, and done what is e-vil in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew with-



in me. Cast me not out from your pres-ence, and your Holy Spirit



take not from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



Give me back the joy of your sal-va-tion, and a willing spirit sus-tain in



me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall pro-claim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.