

# BE MERCIFUL, O LORD

Antiphon from the *Lectionary for Mass*  
Verses from the *New American Bible*

PARCE DOMINE, Chant, Mode I  
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## ANTIPHON

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

The musical notation consists of a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a grand brace on the left. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and melismatic, with a long note on 'ful' and a long note on 'sinned'.

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;

2. For I acknowledge my of - fense, \_\_\_\_\_

3. A clean heart create for me, O God, \_\_\_\_\_

4. Give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The musical notation for the first verse is on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is on two staves with a grand brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and melismatic, with a long note on 'ness;' and a long note on 'tion,'.

1. in the greatness of your com - pas - sion wipe out my of - fense.

2. and my sin \_\_\_\_\_ is al - ways be - fore me.

3. and a steadfast spir - it re - new \_\_\_\_\_ with - in me.

4. and a willing spir - it sus - tain \_\_\_\_\_ in me.

The musical notation for the second verse is on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is on two staves with a grand brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and melismatic, with a long note on 'fense.' and a long note on 'me.'

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1. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt,  
 2. Against you on - ly have I sinned,  
 3. Cast me not out of your presence,  
 4. O Lord, o - pen up my lips,

1. and of my sin cleanse me.  
 2. and done what is e - vil in your sight.  
 3. and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
 4. and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

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