

BE MERCIFUL, O LORD

Antiphon from the *Lectionary for Mass*
Verses from the *Revised Grail Psalter*

PARCE DOMINE, Chant, Mode I
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ANTIPHON

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

The antiphon is written for voice and piano. The voice part is on a single treble clef staff in G major. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand treble clef staff and a left-hand bass clef staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence.

Use repeat for verse 1 only

1. Have mercy on me, O God, _____
according to your great com - pas - sion,
2. My transgressions, truly I know them;
3. Create a clean heart for me, O God, _____
4. Restore in me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The first verse is written for voice and piano. It begins with a repeat sign. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line.

1. according to _____ your mer - ci - ful love;
blot out _____ my _____ trans - gressions.
2. my sin _____ is al - ways be - fore me.
3. renew a stead - fast spir - it with - in me.
4. sustain in me _____ a will - ing spirit.

The second verse is written for voice and piano. It continues the musical setting of the antiphon with the same piano accompaniment.

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1. Wash me completely from my iniquity,
 2. Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
 3. Do not cast me away from your presence,
 4. O Lord, open my lips,

1. and cleanse me from my sin.
 2. what is evil in your sight I have done.
 3. take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 4. and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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