
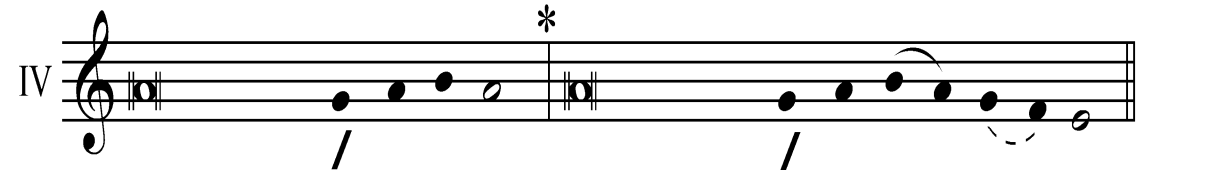


Psalm 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17  
Ash Wednesday

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

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1. Have mercy on me, O God, / in your goodness; \*  
in the greatness of your compassion / wipe out my offense.
2. Thoroughly wash / me from my guilt \*  
and / of my sin cleanse me.
3. For I acknow/ledge my offense, \*  
and my sin / is before me always:
4. “Against you on/ly have I sinned, \*  
and done what is / evil in your sight.”
5. A clean heart create / for me, O God, \*  
and a steadfast spir/it renew within me.
6. Cast me not out / from your presence, \*  
and your Holy Spir/it take not from me.
7. Give me back the joy of / your salvation, \*  
and a willing spir/it sustain in me.
8. O Lord, / open my lips, \*  
and my mouth / shall proclaim your praise.