

# Psalm 51: 1-13

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*Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.*

*Introduction*

Cre - ate in — me a clean heart, O God.

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offences.  
Was me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin. **Refrain.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.  
And so you are justified when you speak, and upright in your judgement.  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. **Refrain.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.  
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; was me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken my rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **Refrain.**

Create in my a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. **Refrain.**