

Psalm 51 1-18

Introduction

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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.

(1) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;

(2) in your great compassion blot out my offenses,
 (3) Wash me through and through from my wickedness
 (4) and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

(1) For I know my transgression,
 (2) and my sin is ever before me.
 (3) Against you only have I sinned
 (4) and done what is evil in your sight. **R.**

(1) And so you are justified when you speak
 (2) and upright in your judgement.
 (3) Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
 (4) a sinner from my mother's womb. **R.**

(1) For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
 (2) and will make me understand wisdom secretly
 (3) Purge me from my sins, and I shall be pure;
 (4) wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. **R.**

(1) Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 (2) that the body you have broken man rejoice.
 (3) Hide your face from my sins
 (4) and blot out all my iniquities. **R.**

(1) Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 (2) and renew a right spirit within me.
 (3) Cast me not away from your presence
 (4) and take not your holy Spirit from me. **R.**

(1) Give me the joy of your saving help again
 (2) and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
 (3) I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
 (4) and sinners shall return to you. **R.**

(1) Deliver me from death, O God,
 (2) and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O
 God of my salvation.
 (3) Open my lips, O God,
 (4) and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R.**

(1) Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
 (2) but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
 (3) The sacrifice of God is as troubled spirit;
 (4) a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
 despise. **R.**