

# 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.*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God

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(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.**