

God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51

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1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea:
 2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op-press:
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,
 5. Gra-cious God, my heart re-new, make my spir - it right and true;

Plen-teous in com - pas-sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres-sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst Thy grace and pro-voked Thee to Thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, teach Thy wis - dom to my heart:
 Let my con-trite heart re-joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;
 Cast me not a - way from Thee, let Thy spir - it dwell with me;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con-fess Thy judg-ment just, speech-less, I Thy mer - cy trust.
 Make me pure, Thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.
 Thy sal - va-tion's joy im-part, stead-fast make my will - ing heart.