

## PSALM 50 (51) HAVE MERCY ON ME O GOD

- C. <sup>Em</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, in your <sup>Am</sup> goodness;  
 A. IN YOUR GREAT TENDERNESS WIPE  
     <sup>Em</sup> AWAY MY FAULTS.  
 C. Wash me clean of my <sup>Am</sup> guilt,  
 A. <sup>Em</sup> PURIFY ME FROM MY SIN.  
 C. For I am well aware of my faults,  
 A. I HAVE MY SIN CONSTANTLY IN MIND.  
 C. Having sinned against none other than you,  
 A. HAVING DONE WHAT YOU REGARD AS WRONG.  
 C. You are just when you pass sentence on me,  
 A. BLAMELESS WHEN YOU GIVE JUDGMENT.  
 C. You know I was born guilty  
 A. A SINNER FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION.  
 C. Yet, since you love sincerity of heart,  
 A. TEACH ME THE SECRETS OF WISDOM.  
 C. Purify me with hyssop until I am clean  
 A. WASH ME UNTIL I AM WHITER THAN SNOW.  
 C. Instill joy and gladness into me,  
 A. LET THE BONES YOU HAVE CRUSHED  
     REJOICE AGAIN.  
 C. Hide your face from my sins  
 A. WIPE OUT ALL MY GUILT.
- C. God, create a clean heart in me  
 A. PUT INTO ME A NEW AND CONSTANT SPIRIT.  
 C. Do not banish me from your presence,  
 A. DO NOT DEPRIVE ME OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.  
 C. Be my saviour again, renew my joy,  
 A. KEEP MY SPIRIT STEADY AND WILLING,  
 C. and I shall teach transgressors the way to you,  
 A. AND TO YOU THE SINNERS WILL RETURN.  
 C. Save me from death, God my saviour,  
 A. AND MY TONGUE WILL ACCLAIM  
     YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.  
 C. Lord, open my lips,  
 A. AND MY MOUTH WILL SPEAK OUT YOUR PRAISE  
 C. Because you do not want sacrifice  
 A. IF I OFFER A HOLOCAUST YOU DO NOT  
     ACCEPT IT.  
 C. My sacrifice is a broken spirit  
 A. YOU DO NOT DESPISE THIS CRUSHED  
     AND BROKEN HEART.  
 C. Show your love graciously to Zion  
 A. REBUILD THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM.  
 C. Then there will be proper sacrifice  
 A. YOUNG BULLS TO BE OFFERED ON YOUR ALTAR