

PSALM 50 (51) MISERERE

A. ^{Em} HAVE MERCY ON ME, ^D HAVE MERCY. ^{Em}
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C. ^{Em} Have mercy on me, O God, in your ^{Am} goodness;
 in your great tenderness wipe away my ^{Em} faults.
^{Am} Wash me clean of my guilt,
^{Em} purify me from my sin.

A. HAVE MERCY ON ME . . .

C. For I am well aware of my faults,
 I have my sin constantly in mind.
 Having sinned against none other than you,
 having done what you regard as wrong. °

C. You are just when you pass sentence on me,
 blameless when you give judgment.
 You know I was born guilty
 a sinner from the moment of conception.

C. Yet, since you love sincerity of heart,
 teach me the secrets of wisdom.
 Purify me with hyssop until I am clean
 wash me until I am whiter than snow.

C. Instill joy and gladness into me,
 let the bones you have crushed rejoice again.
 Hide your face from my sins
 wipe out all my guilt.

C. God, create a clean heart in me
 put into me a new and constant spirit.
 Do not banish me from your presence,
 do not deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

C. Be my saviour again, renew my joy,
 keep my spirit steady and willing,
 and I shall teach transgressors the way to you,
 and to you the sinners will return.

C. Save me from death, God my saviour,
 and my tongue will acclaim your righteousness.
 Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth will speak out your praise.

C. Because you do not want sacrifice
 if I offer a holocaust you do not accept it.
 My sacrifice is a broken spirit
 you do not despise this crushed and broken heart.

C. Show your love graciously to Zion
 rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
 Then there will be proper sacrifice
 young bulls to be offered on your altar.

° After each verse the assembly replies "Have Mercy on me . . ."