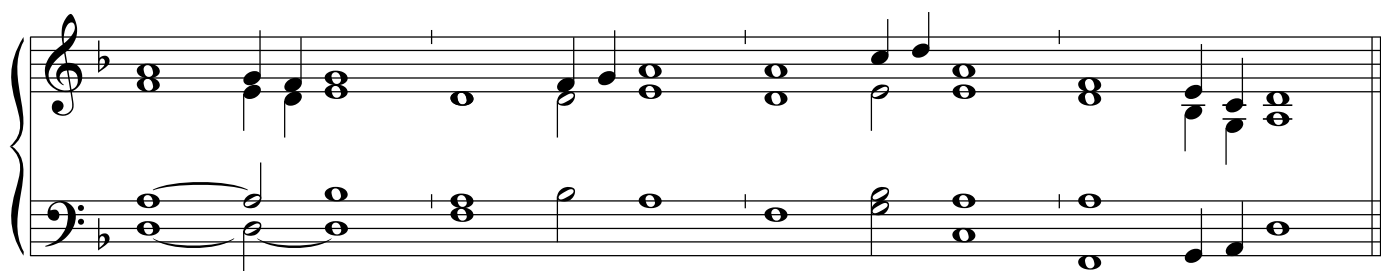


Ash Wednesday

Psalm 50, vv 3-6, 12-14, 17; refrain v 3

Robert Gower (b. 1952)

R Have mer - cy on us, Lord, for _ we _ have sinned.



1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

4. Give me again the joy of your help.
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**

The refrain is heard three times at the start: first played on the organ, then sung by the cantor, and then sung by all;
it is then repeated by all after each verse.

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