

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Psalm 50, vv 3-4, 12-15; refrain v 12

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R A pure heart cre - ate for me, O God.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system shows a vocal line in G major (one flat) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'A pure heart create for me, O God.' The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with sustained chords and rhythmic patterns.

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. 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**

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **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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