



4 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your / lov-ing- / kindness;  
in your great compassion / blot out / my of- / fenses.

2 Wash me through and / through from my / wickedness  
and / cleanse me / from my / sin.

M 3 For I / know my trans- / gressions,  
and my / sin is / ever be- / fore me.

4 Against you / only have I / sinned  
and done what is / e-vil / in your / sight.

W 5 And so you are justified / when you / speak  
and / up-right / in your / judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been / wicked from my / birth,  
a / sinner from my / mo-ther's / womb.

4 7 For behold, || you look for truth / deep with- / in me,  
and will make me under- / stand / wis-dom / secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and / I shall be / pure;  
wash me, and / I shall be / clean in- / deed.

W 9 Make me hear of / joy and / gladness,  
that the body you have / bro-ken / may re- / joice.

M 10 Hide your / face from my / sins  
and / blot out / all my in- / iquities.

M 11 Create in me a clean / heart, O / God,  
and re- / new a right / spirit with- / in me.

M 12 Cast me not a- / way from your / presence  
and take not your / ho-ly / Spi-rit / from me.

4 13 Give me the joy of your / saving help a- / gain  
and sus- / tain me with your / bounti-ful / Spirit.

14 I shall teach your / ways to the / wicked,  
and / sinners shall re- / turn to / you.

**Psalm 51** — *Miserere mei, Deus*

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W 15 Deliver me from / death, O / God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O / God of / my sal- / vation.

M 16 Open my / lips, O / Lord,  
and my / mouth shall pro- / claim your / praise.

4 17 Had you desired it, || I would have / of-fered / sacrifice,  
but you take no de- / light in / burnt- / offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a / trou-bled / spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O / God, you will / not des- / pise.

4 Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,  
and / to the / Ho-ly / Spirit:

as it was in the be- / ginning, is / now,  
and / will be for- / ever. || A- / men.