Introit
Ash Wednesday
One-Year Series

REFRAIN in unison

You have mercy on all, O Lord, and abhor nothing.

You have made. You look past the sins of men that they may repent.

You are our Lord, our God.

INTROIT may be sung in unison or harmony

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,* for in You my soul takes refuge;
2 in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge,* till the storms of destruction pass by.
3 I cry out to God Most High,* to God who fulfills His purpose for me.
4 He will send from heaven and save me,* God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness.
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son,* and to the Holy Spirit;
6 as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever.* Amen.

REFRAIN
Psalm 51

Refrain by Barry L. Bobb

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

Choir may sing in parts.

Congregation sings verses in bold.

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5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,* and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,* and You teach me wisdom in the secrets of my heart.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean,* wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;* let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins,* and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,* and renew a right spirit within me.

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11 Cast me not away from Your presence,* and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,* and uphold me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,* and sinners will return to You.
14 Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;* as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

REFRAIN
Psalm 51
Refrain by Barry L. Bobb

Choir/Cantor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Congregation: REFRAIN

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,* and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions,* and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,* so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

REFRAIN

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,* and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,* and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;* wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;* let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins,* and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,* and renew a right spirit within me.

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Cast me not away from Your presence,* and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,* and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,* and sinners will return to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Gradual
Ash Wednesday
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Psalm 57:1a, 3a

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,* for in You my soul takes refuge.

He will send from heaven and save me;* He will put to shame him who tramples me.

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Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a

1 He does not deal with us according to our sins,* nor repay us according to our iniquities.

2 Do not remember against us our former iniquities;* let Your compassion come speedily to meet us.

3 Help us, O God of our salvation,* for the glory of Your name.

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Therefore my hope is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit; It rests upon His faithful Word, to them of contrite spirit That it rests upon His faithful Word, He is merciful and just; This is my comfort and my trust. His it rests upon His faithful Word; help I wait with patience, His help I wait with patience.