

ASH WEDNESDAY

&

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

Owen Alstott

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 & 17 (219)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

Be merciful, O Lord.

Capo 3: (Em) Gm (G) B_b (C) E_b (G) B_b (Bm7) Dm7 (Em) Gm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

(Am) Cm (Em) Gm

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt

2. For I acknowledge my of - fense,
"Against you only have I sinned,"

3. A clean heart create for O God,
Cast me not out from your presence,

4. Give me back the joy of sal - vation,
O Lord, open my lips,

(F#7) A⁷ (Em) Gm

1. In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my of - fense.
And of my sin cleanse me.

2. And my sin is before me always:
And done what is evil in your sight."

3. And a steadfast spirit renew with - in me.
And your Holy Spirit take not from me.

4. And a willing spirit sustain in me.
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.