

# ASH WEDNESDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Years ABC*)

*Cf. Ps 51 (50): 3a*

III Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Tone 3 b*

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Psalm 51 (50): 3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14 and 17

1. Have mercy on me, *O God*, \* according to your *merciful love*;  
according to your great *compassion*, \* blot out my *transgressions*.  
Wash me completely from my *iniquity*, \* and cleanse me from *my sin*.
2. My transgressions, 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*.
3. Create a pure heart for me, *O God*; \* renew a steadfast spirit *within* me.  
Do not cast me away from *your presence*; \* take not your holy spirit *from me*.
4. Restore in me the joy of your *salvation*; \* sustain in me a *willing spirit*.  
O LORD, open *my lips* \* and my mouth shall proclaim *your praise*.

