

Psalms in Season

Music for the psalms in Catholic life



Lent

Year B

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Ash Wednesday

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Lectionary No. 219

Psalm 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R. cf. 3a

Have mer - cy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

These bars for verse 1 only

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.

First Sunday of Lent Year B

All your paths, O LORD, are mercy and faithfulness,
for those who keep your covenant.

Lectionary No. 23

Psalm 25(24):4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9. R. cf. 10

All your paths, O LORD, are mer - cy and
faith - ful - ness, for those who keep your co - ven - ant.

1/. O LORD, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me:

for you are the God of my salvation.

2/. Remember your compassion, O LORD,

and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

In your merciful love remember me,

because of your goodness, O LORD.

3/. Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he shows the way to sinners.

He guides the humble in right judgement;

to the humble he teaches his way.

Second Sunday in Lent Year B

I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living

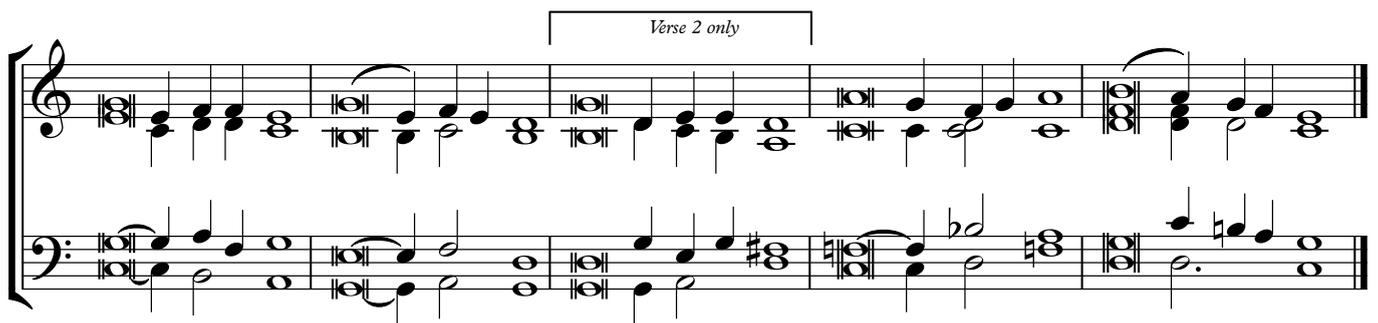
Lectionary No. 26

Psalm 116(115):10, 15. 16-17. 18-19. R. 9



I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

Verse 2 only



1/. I trusted, even when I said,
'I am sorely afflicted.'

How precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful.

2/. Your servant, LORD, your servant am I,
the son of your handmaid;
you have loosened my bonds.

I will offer you a thanksgiving sacrifice;
I will call on the name of the LORD.

3/. My vows to the LORD I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Third Sunday in Lent Year B

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Lectionary No. 29

Psalm 19(18):8. 9. 10. 11. R. John 6:68c

O Lord, you have the words of e - ter - nal life.

1/. The law of the LORD is perfect;
it revives the soul.
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple.

2/. The precepts of the LORD are right;
they gladden the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

3/. The fear of the LORD is pure,
abiding for ever.
The judgements of the LORD are true;
they are, all of them, just.

4/. They are more to be desired than gold,
than quantities of gold.
And sweeter are they than honey,
than honey flowing from the comb.

Fourth Sunday in Lent Year B

O let my tongue cleave fast to my palate if I remember you not.

Lectionary No. 32
Psalm 137(136):1-2. 3. 4-5. 6. R. 6a

Response

O let my tongue cleave fast to my palate if I re-

3

mem - ber you not. *Fine*

6

1. By the ri - vers of Ba - by - lon
2. For it was there that they asked us,
3. O how could we sing
4. O let my tongue

8

there we sat and wept, re - mem - ber - ing
our cap - tors, for songs, our op - press - ors, for
the song of the LORD on - for - eign
cleave fast to my palate if I re - mem - ber you

11

Sion; on the pop - lars that grew there
joy. Sing to us, they said,
soil? If I for - get you, Je - ru - sa - lem,
not, if I prize not Je - ru - sa - lem,

14 To Response

we hung up our harps.
'one of Si - on's songs.
let my right hand with - er!
the first of my joys!

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B

Create a pure heart for me, O God.

Lectionary No. 35

Psalm 51(50):3-4. 12-13. 14-15. R. 12a

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is in 3/8 time and features a melody with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate a pure heart for me, O God." A bracket above the piano part indicates that the following section is a repeat of the first verse.

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according to your great compassion,
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and cleanse me from my sin.

2/. 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.

3/. Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
that sinners may return to you.