Psalm 51 – Common Worship



1 Have mercy on me, O God, in | your great | goodness;

 according to the abundance of your compassion | blot out | my of-| fences.

2 Wash me thoroughly | from my | wickedness

 and | cleanse me | from my | sin.

3 For I ac-| knowledge· my | faults

 and my | sin is | ever· be-| fore me.

4 Against you only | have I | sinned

 and done what is | evil | in your | sight,

5 So that you are justified | in your | sentence

 and | righteous | in your | judgement.

6 I have been wicked even | from my | birth,

 a | sinner· when my | mother· con-| ceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth | deep with-| in me

 and shall make me understand wisdom | in the | depths· of my | heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and | I shall· be | clean;

 wash me and | I shall· be | whiter· than | snow.

9 Make me hear of | joy and | gladness,

 that the bones you have | broken | may re-| joice.

10 Turn your | face· from my | sins

 and | blot out | all my· mis-| deeds.

11 Make me a clean | heart, O | God,

 and re-| new a· right | spirit· with-| in me.

12 Cast me not a-| way· from your | presence

 and take not your | holy | spirit | from me.

13 (2nd part) Give me again the joy of | your sal-| vation

 and sustain me | with your | gracious | spirit.

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