

psalm 23. the lord is my shepherd, i shall not want. in verdant pastures he gives me repose. beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. he guides me in right paths for his name's sake. even though i walk in the dark valley i fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and staff that give me courage. you spread a table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. surely goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and i shall dwell in the house of the lord for years to come. psalm 24. the lord's is the earth and its fullness; the world and all who dwell in it. for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. who can ascend the mountain of the lord? or who may stand in his holy place? those whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desire not what is vain, nor swear deceitfully to their neighbour. they shall receive blessings from the lord, a reward from god their saviour. such is the race that seek the

**PSALM 51:
HAVE MERCY,
LORD**

For cantor, assembly,
SATB choir, and organ

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(♩ = 68)

OSTINATO REFRAIN:

Have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord. Have mer-cy, for we have sinned.

Organ *mp*

The Ostinato Refrain is set in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two vocal staves and an organ accompaniment. The organ part is marked *mp* and features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord. Have mer-cy, for we have sinned."

VERSES:

Cantor:

1. Have mer-cy on me, God in your kind-ness, in your love wipe a-way my of - fen-ces; O wash me clean from my guilt, O— Lord, and cleanse me from my— sin.

2. You de - light in sin - ce - ri - ty of heart; you teach me the sec - rets of wis - dom.

3. Pu - ri - fy me with hys - sop, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow.

3. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God. Put a stead - fast spi - rit with - in me. O Lord do not cast your pre - sence from me, nor de - prive me of your Spi - rit.

The verses are set in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). They are written for a Cantor and consist of five lines of music. The lyrics are: "1. Have mer-cy on me, God in your kind-ness, in your love wipe a-way my of - fen-ces; O wash me clean from my guilt, O— Lord, and cleanse me from my— sin. 2. You de - light in sin - ce - ri - ty of heart; you teach me the sec - rets of wis - dom. 3. Pu - ri - fy me with hys - sop, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. 3. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God. Put a stead - fast spi - rit with - in me. O Lord do not cast your pre - sence from me, nor de - prive me of your Spi - rit."