

**Psalm 51:1-13 [14-20]\***

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your |  
lovingkindness;\*

in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only | have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil | in your sight.**

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified | when you speak\*  
and upright | in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,\*  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,\*  
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>**Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;\*  
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.**

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of | joy and gladness,\*  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup>**Hide your face | from my sins\*  
and blot out all | my iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean | heart, O God,\*  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

<sup>12</sup>**Cast me not away | from your presence\*  
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.**

<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving | help again\*  
and sustain me with your bount- | iful Spirit.

[<sup>14</sup>**I shall teach your ways | to the wicked,\*  
and sinners shall re- | turn to you.**

<sup>15</sup>Deliver me from | death, O God,\*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of |  
my salvation.

<sup>16</sup>**Open my | lips, O Lord,\*  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.**

<sup>17</sup>Had you desired it, I would have | offered sacrifice,\*  
but you take no delight | in burnt offerings.

<sup>18</sup>**The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will |  
not despise.**

<sup>19</sup>Be favorable and gra- | cious to Zion,\*  
and rebuild the walls | of Jerusalem.

<sup>20</sup>**Then you will be pleased with the appointed  
sacrifices, with burnt offerings | and oblations;\*  
then shall they offer young bullocks up- | on  
your altar.]**