

Welcome to Vespers for **Wednesdays in the Season of Lent**. The Service for Vespers is on p141-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 51 on page 239-40**. The hymn is **#93**.

PSALM 51 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness;*
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,*
and cleanse me | from my sin.

³For I know | my transgressions,*
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against you only | have I sinned*
and done what is evil | in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified | when you speak*
and upright | in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,*
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

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

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;*
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.

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

¹⁰Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all | my iniquities.

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

¹²Cast me not away | from your presence,*
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving | help again*
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

¹⁴I shall teach your ways | to the wicked,*
and sinners shall re- | turn to you.

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

¹⁶Open my | lips, O Lord,*
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have | offered sacrifice,*
but you take no delight | in burnt-offerings.

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

¹⁹Be favorable and gra- | cious to Zion,*
and rebuild the walls | of Jerusalem.

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

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Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–1498; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–1896, alt.
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