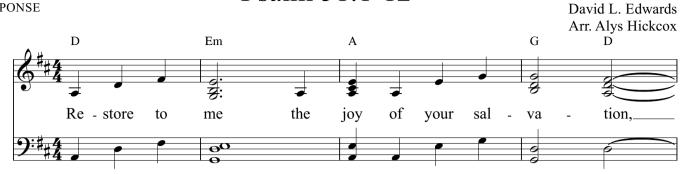
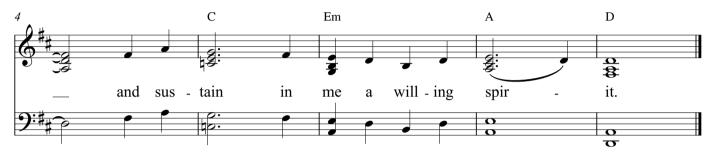
Psalm 51:1-12

RESPONSE





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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

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You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, All: and sustain in me a willing spirit. [NRSV]

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