1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before 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 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.

7 Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

8 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked and sinners shall return to you.

9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51.1-5,12-15
All glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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