

Refrain: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

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. [R]

6 I have been wicked even from my birth, □

a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me □

and shall make me understand wisdom

in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; □

wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, □

that the bones you have broken may rejoice. [R]

10 Turn your face from my sins □

and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, □

and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence □

and take not your holy spirit from me.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation □

and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked □

and sinners shall return to you. [R]

15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,

the God of my salvation, □

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

16 O Lord, open my lips □

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; □

you take no delight in burnt offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; □

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. [R]

19 O be favourable and gracious to Zion; □

build up the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness,

the burnt offerings and oblations; ☩

then shall they offer up bulls on your altar.

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Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;

give us the sorrow that heals

and the joy that praises

and restore by grace your own image within us,

that we may take our place among your people;

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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