

Ash Wednesday  
February 18, 2026

Response

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

Humbly

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Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.  
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Verses

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my of - fense.  
2. For I acknowledge my of - fense, and my sin is be - - - - fore me always;  
3. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit re - - - - new with - in me.  
4. Give me back the joy of your sal - vation, and a willing spirit sus - tain in me.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.  
"Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.