

Have mercy upon me O God

Psalm 51:1-2

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus II (part 2 of 6)

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The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/2. The score is divided into sections labeled 'Versus' and 'Chorus'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in italics. The score includes measure numbers and bar lines.

Versus 4 5 5 10
Have mer - cy u - pon me O God, -

Versus 15 5 20 1 *Chorus*
- have mer - cy u - pon me O God,

25 *Versus* 30 5 35 4
af - ter thy great good - ness, thy great good - ness. -

Chorus 40
And ac - cor - ding to the mul - ti - tude of thy mer - cies wipe a - way,

45 *Versus* 50 5 55 4
wipe a - way mine of - fen - - - ces.

Chorus 60
Wash me clean, wash me clean from my wic - - ked - ness,

65
and purge me from my sins, from my sins, and purge me

70 75
from my sins, from my sins, A - - - men.