

for Dr. Susan Jane Matthews and the Choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, CA,
The Rev. Thomas Skillings, Rector, with thanks

Psalm 51 (Have Mercy Upon Me)*

*Have mercy upon me, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
You look for truth deep within me;
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Give to me the joy of your saving help again;
sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
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*from *MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS*,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Adapted from *The Psalter*,
The Book of Common Prayer

Note: Stagger breathing between parts, even within words.

♩ = 62

mf *sempre molto legato; senza vibrato*

Soprano 1
Have mer-cy up - on me, a - cord - ing to your lov - ing kind-ness,

Soprano 2
Have mer-cy up - on me, a - cord - ing to your lov - ing kind-ness,

Alto 1&2
Have mer-cy up - on me, a - cord - ing to your lov - ing kind-ness,

Tenor
Have (mer on me, a - cord - ing to your lov - ing-kind-ness,

Bass
Have (mer on me, a - cord - ing to your lov - ing-kind-ness,

9 **A**

S. in your great, great, great com-pas-sion, blot out my of -

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A. great, great, great com-pas-sion, blot out my

T. great, great, great com-pas-sion, blot out my

B. great, great, great com-pas-sion, blot out my

17 **B**

S. *mp* fens-es. You look for truth deep

S. *mp* fens-es. You look for truth deep

A. *mp* of-fens-es. You look for truth deep

T. *p* of fens-ses. You look for truth deep

B. *p* of fens-ses. You look for truth deep

26 C

S. deep with - in me, and you will make me (un

S. deep with - in me, and you will make me un - der - stand

A. deep with - in me, you will make make me (un stand

T. deep with - in me, you make make me un - der stand

B. deep with - in me, you make make me un - der stand

35 D

S. (wi se - cret-ly. Give, give, O give to me, the

S. wis - dom se - cret-ly. Give, give. O give me, the

A. wis - dom (see Give, O give to me, the

T. wis - dom (see Give, give to me the

B. wis - dom (see Give, give to me the

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E

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S. joy of your help, help a - gain, sus - tain, sus -

S. joy of your sav - ing help (gain, sus - tain, sus -

A. joy your sav - ing help, a - gain, sus - tain, sus -

T. joy of your sav - ing help, help a - gain, (suh sus -

B. joy of your sav - ing help, help a - gain, sus - tain,

51

S. - tain me with your boun - ti - ful boun - t'ful spi -

S. - tain me with your bount - i - ful bount - i - ful spi -

A. tain, me with your (boun boun - ti - ful spi -

T. tain me, boun - ti - ful boun - ti - ful

B. me, with (boun (boun boun - ti - ful

57 rit.

S. rit, with your boun-ti - ful boun - t'ful spi - rit.

S. rit, with your boun-ti - ful boun-ti - ful spi - rit.

A. - rit, with your (boun boun-ti - ful spi - rit.

T. spi - rit, boun-ti - ful boun-ti - ful spi - rit.

B. spi - rit, with (boun (boun boun-ti - ful spi - rit.