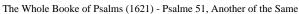
Have mercy on me God



William CRANFORD (late XVI-ca. 1644)



- 2. Yea, wash me more from mine offence and cleanse me from sy sin: For I do know my faults, and still my sins are in mine (eyne).
- 3. Against thee, thee alone I have offended in this case:
 And evil have I done before:
 the presence of thy face.
 4. That in the things that thou dost say, upright thou mayest be tride:
 And eke in judging that the dome may pass upon thy side.
- 5. Behold, in wickedness my kind, and shape I did receive:And lo my sinful mother eke, in sin did me conceive.6. But lo the truth of inward parts, is pleasant unto thee:And secrets of thy wisdom thou, revealed hast to me.
- 7. With Hysop Lord besprinkle me I shall be cleansed so: Yea, wash thou me, and so I shall be whiter than the snow.
 8. Of joy and gladness make thou me to hear the pleasant voice: That so the bruised bones which thou hast broken, may rejoice.
- 9. From the beholding of my sins, Lord turn away thy face: And all my deeds of wickedness, do utterly deface. 10. O God create in me a heart unspotted in thy sight. And eke within my bowels Lord, renew a stabled spirit.
- 11. Ne cast me from thy sight, nor take, thy holy spirit away:
 The comfort of thy saving grace, give me again I pray.
 12. With thy free spirit establish me, and I will teach therefor:
 Sinners thy ways and wicked shall, be turned to thy lore.

The Second part.

- 13. O God that art my God of health, from blood deliver me:
 That praises of thy righteousness, my tongue may sing to thee.
 14. My lips that yet fast closed be do thou O Lord unlose:
 The praises of thy majesty my mouth shall so disclose.
- 15. I would have offered sacrifice, if that had pleased thee: but pleased with burnt offerings, I know thou willt not be.
 16. A troubled spirit is sacrifice, delightful in Gods eyes: A broken and a humble heart, God thou willt not despise.
- 17. In thy good will deal gently Lord, to Sion and withall:
 Grant that of thy Jerusalem, upreared may be the wall.
 18. Burnt offerings, gifts, and sacrifice, of justice in that day:
 Thou shalt accept, and Calves they shall upon thine Altar lay.

Critical notes:

Bassvs bar 2: has F - E - D - E - G - C in the original; Text somewhat modernised.