

THE LIVING



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TO ORDER





The Season of Repentance

Psalm 51





Repentance doesn't stutter (51:1–2)

Be gracious to me, God...Completely wash away my guilt.



Repentance doesn't make excuses (51:3–6)

*My sin is always before me... Against you—you alone—I have sinned.
I was guilty before I was born... Surely you desire integrity in the
inner self.*



Repentance does desire restoration (51:7–11)

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me... Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.



Repentance does seek renewal (51:12–19)

Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit... Then I will teach...and declare your praise.



Epilogue: the communal fruit of repentance

In your good pleasure, cause Zion to prosper; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.” Psalm 51:18–19

