

Dec 7: St Ambrose of Milan

Stichera after Psalm 50

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spi - rit.

Through the prayers of the **holy hierarch Am - brose**, O mer - ci - ful One:

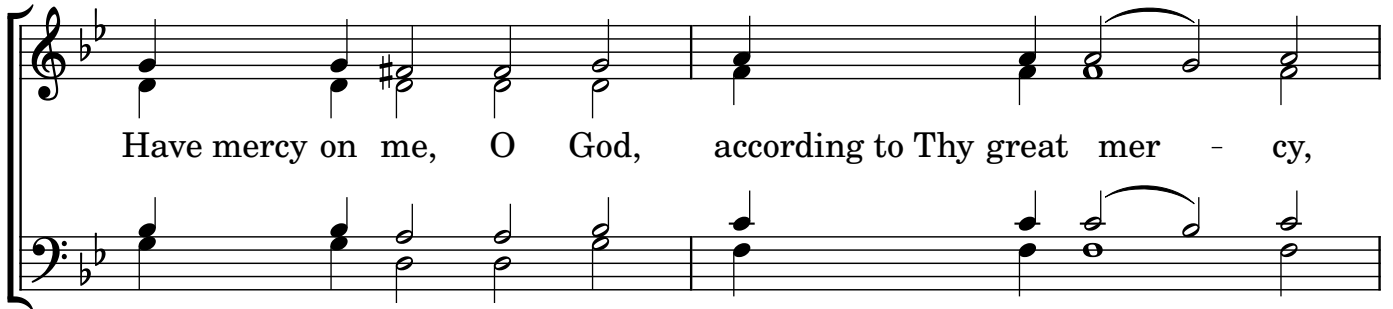
blot out the multitude of our trans - gres - sions.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of a - ges. A - men.

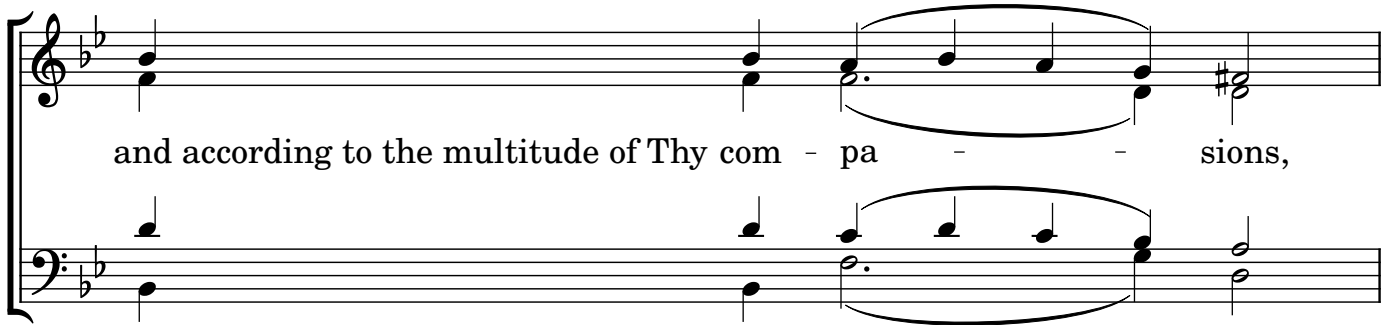
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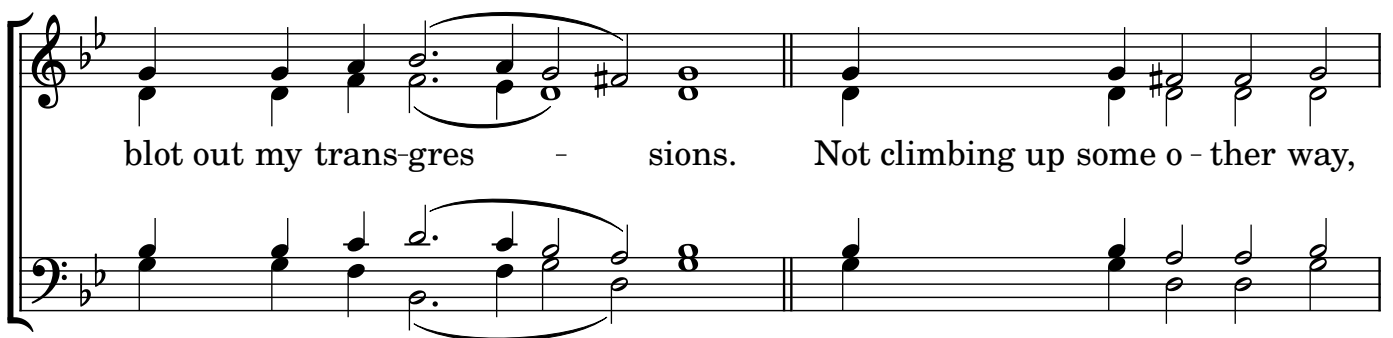
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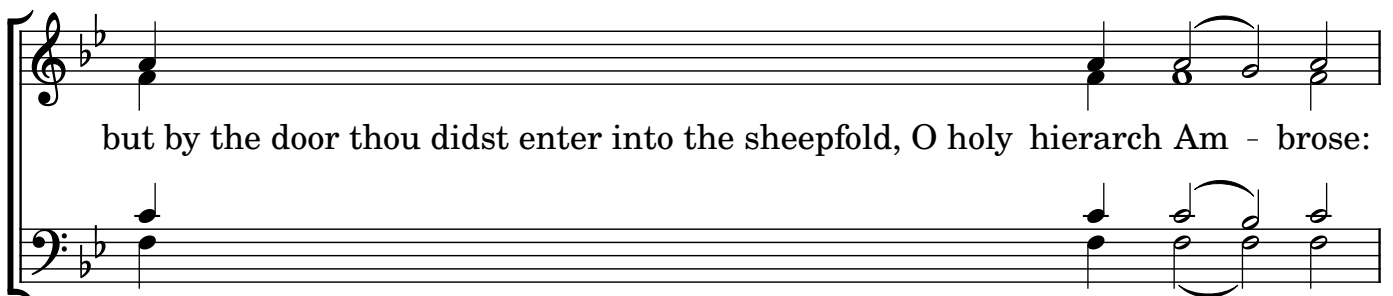
Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mer - cy,



and according to the multitude of Thy com - pa - sions,



blot out my trans-gres - sions. Not climbing up some o - ther way,



but by the door thou didst enter into the sheepfold, O holy hierarch Am - brose:

for the Lord Himself called thee unto the e - pi - sco - pate

through the voice of a pow - er - less babe who cried out in the church:

"Ambrose for bi - shop!" Wherefore they, all hearkening to

the child's voice, would have thee alone as their bi - shop.

And thou, O humbly wise one,

though thou didst flee the hierarchal dig - ni - ty,

yet submitting thyself to the will of the people and the em - per - or,

and moreover to the summons of hea - ven,

didst accept the e - pi - sco - pa - cy and didst well shepherd the sheep en -

trust - ed thee by God.