The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest then sings:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

The people reply:

For we have sinned against you.

The Priest:

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

The people:

And grant us your salvation.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

A-men.
Or:
The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows. The Priest, or a Deacon, or another minister, then sings the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Or:


The Priest:

You came to call sinners:

The people:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Or:

The Priest:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

The people:

Lord, have mercy.  Lord, have mercy.

Or:

Kýrie, eléison.  Kýrie, eléison.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

A-men.

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