Penitential Act

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):

Minister:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Minister; people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

Or:

Kýrie, e-lé-i-son.

Minister: You came to call sinners:
Minister; people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

Or:

Christe, e-lé-i-son.

Minister:

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

Minister; people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

Or:

Kýrie, e-lé-i-son.

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:

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\text{A-men.}
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