Chants for

THE PENITENTIAL ACT

and

THE DISMISSAL
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 says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

- **You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:**

- **Lord have mercy.**

- **You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.**

- **You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord have mercy.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.**
[In the Dioceses of the United States]

Sample Invocations For The Penitential Act

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The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

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Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord, have mer-cy.

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Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and

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to the Father: Lord, have mer-cy.

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Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and di-vi-sion:

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Christ, have mer-cy.

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Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

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Lord, have mer-cy.

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Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mer-cy.

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The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your bod- y and blood:

Lord, have mer-cy.

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Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

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Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mer-cy.

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The Dismissal

I

Go forth, the Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.

II

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

III

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.

IV

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

V

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.
In the Octave of Easter and on Pentecost Sunday, one of the following two options for dismissal is used:

I

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God alleluia, alleluia.

II

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God alleluia, alleluia.
Penitential Acts for Advent

Set I:

You came into the world to save us.

Lord, have mercy.

You continue to visit us with the grace of your spirit,

Christ, have mercy.

You will one day judge our works.

Lord, have mercy.
Advent Set II:

You are the defender of the poor.

Lord, have mercy.

You are the refuge of the weak.

Christ, have mercy.

You are the hope of sinners.

Lord, have mercy.
Advent Set III:

You come to visit your people in peace.

Lord, have mer-cy.

You come to save the lost.

Christ, have mer-cy.

You come to create a new world.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Penitential Acts for Christmas

Set I:

Son of God, You were born of the Virgin to be our brother.

Lord, have mer-cy.

Son of Man, You know and understand our weakness.

Christ, have mer-cy.

Only begotten of the Father, make of us one family,

Lord, have mer-cy.
Christmas Set II:

King of Peace, You bring us salvation.

Lord, have merc-y.

Light in the darkness, You show us the way.

Christ, have merc-y.

Image of the Father, You manifest the Kingdom,

Lord, have merc-y.