

WORSHIP

Introit

It comes from Latin and means “a going in” or “entrance.” Acknowledging God’s presence and having been made clean by forgiveness we now enter into the worship service itself. It is the first element in the Service of the Word. It provides a meditative step between confession and receiving the blessings of God’s Word.

The theme of the service is suggested by the psalm hymn used here. This theme is then carried through the service and repeated with each reading from the Bible.

In ancient times the entire congregation entered the church in a solemn process, singing psalms and songs. Today the pastor usually stands in the front away from the altar and doesn’t go up to the altar until after the Introit is finished.

Bible Reference: Psalm 100:4

Sources:

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