

The Introit

The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution have brought us together and prepared us to worship the Holy Triune God. The next element of worship is the Introit. *“Introit” is from the Latin for “enter.” These are Psalm verses spoken or sung at the beginning of the Divine Service (LSB, xxiv).* This marks the beginning of the Service of the Word. These verses set the tone for the day because they change from week to week and are based on the Scripture readings for the day.

There is a verse that is spoken or sung by the pastor or worship leader at the beginning and end of the Introit. It is called the antiphon. Just before the antiphon, the Gloria Patri is spoken or sung. That’s Latin for “glory to the Father.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

This praise to the Trinity gives a Christian ending to the Psalm. It also reminds us that our life is to be one that praises the Triune God always. If you want, you can bow when we say: *“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit”* to show reverence for the name of God.