

The Introit (Latin “He enters in.”)

1 Chronicles 16:7-9, 23 On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord: 8 Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! 9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! ...23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Psalm 30:4 Sing praise to the Lord, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

Luke 24:44 Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms **concerning Me.**”

Romans 16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began 26but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— 27to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:21 ...to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:6-8 ...and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Introit consists of

Antiphon

Psalm

Gloria Patri (“Glory to the Father”) Lesser Doxology

Antiphon repeated

--The text varies as it is one of the propers, which goes with the theme of the day.

--The Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide (the last two weeks before Easter).

--It is customary to bow the head at the Gloria Patri and the name of Jesus.

--Pope Celestine I (d. 432) decreed that an entire psalm should be sung antiphonally by a double choir.

--Names of the Sundays usually comes from the first words of the Introit antiphons.

--Four Psalmody chants: Introit, Gradual, Offertory, Communion

The Kyrie (from the Greek: “Kyrie, eleison”)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Isaiah 6:5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 9:27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”

Matthew 15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

Matthew 20:30-31 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” 31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” (**Lk 18:38**)

Mark 10:47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Luke 17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Psalms 25:16 Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

Psalms 26:11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me.

***Psalm 41:4** I said, “Lord, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”

***Psalm 51:1** Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

Psalms 123:3 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

LW 209, TLH 6 Kyrie, God Father (*kyrie fons bonitatis, c. 800*)

It expresses our humility and an appreciation of our own weakness and need. And yet, not without confidence that God grants mercy!

Luke 18:35-43 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. 37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he cried out, saying, **“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”** 39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, **“Son of David, have mercy on me!”** 40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, 41 saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” 42 Then Jesus said to him, **“Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.”** 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And **all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.**

The Gloria in Excelsis (Luke 2:14 “Glory in the highest.”, The Greater Doxology)

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy;

Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

--Though first used at a Christmas Eve mass (found in Liber Pontificalis, c. 530 AD). Allowed for general use 600 years later.

--The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent, Gesima, and Lenten seasons due to the preparatory and penitential aspects of these seasons.

58. How may the contents of this hymn be outlined?

I. Adoration of God the Father,

a. In the words of the Angels,

b. In a rich outburst of praise and thanksgiving in the words of the Church.

II. Adoration of God the Son, By acknowledging Him as the Lord, the Only-begotten Son, the Christ, God, the Lamb of God.

III. Petition to God the Son,

a. As the One Who procures mercy, by taking away the sin of the world;

b. As the One Who dispenses mercy, sitting at the right hand of God, the Father.

IV. Praise to God the Son, In a three-fold ascription of equal holiness, power, and glory with the Father and the Holy Ghost, as the reason for our prayer and praise.

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