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n.

1. *Ecclesiastical* A hymn or psalm sung when the officiant enters at the opening of a service.
2. *Roman Catholic Church* The beginning of the Mass, usually consisting of an antiphon, a psalm verse, and the Gloria Patri.

[Middle English, introit of the Mass, from Old French *introite*, from Medieval Latin *introitus*, sung passage at entrance of celebrant, from Latin *introitus*, entrance, from past participle of *introire*, to enter : *intrō-*, in; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *ire*, to go; see **ei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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