

The O Antiphons

Seven evenings before Christmas · read aloud, then answer: Come!



THU DEC 17

O Sapientia · O Wisdom

O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and gently: come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Sung as: "O come, thou Wisdom from on high"



FRI DEC 18

O Adonai · O Lord

O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and on Sinai gave him the law: come, and with your arm stretched out, redeem us.

Sung as: "O come, O come, thou Lord of might"



SAT DEC 19

O Radix Jesse · O Root of Jesse

O Root of Jesse, who stand as a sign for the peoples, before whom kings shall keep silence, to whom the nations shall pray: come and set us free, delay no longer.

Sung as: "O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free"



SUN DEC 20

O Clavis David · O Key of David

O Key of David, scepter of the house of Israel, who open and no one shuts, who shut and no one opens: come, and lead out of the prison house the captive who sits in darkness and the shadow of death.

Sung as: "O come, thou Key of David, come"



MON DEC 21

O Oriens · O Radiant Dawn

O Radiant Dawn, brightness of eternal light and sun of justice: come, and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Sung as: "O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer"



TUE DEC 22

O Rex Gentium · O King of the Nations

O King of the Nations, the One they long for, the cornerstone who makes the two into one: come, and save humankind, whom you shaped from the clay.

Sung as: "O come, Desire of nations, bind"



WED DEC 23

O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the One the nations wait for, and their Savior: come and save us, O Lord our God.

Sung as: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

The O Antiphons · seven ornaments

One each evening, December 17 to 23, beside the Jesse tree



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I will be there



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tomorrow