



THE GREAT ADVENT ANTIPHONS

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To be Said Before & After the Magnificat at Evensong

O Sapientia | December 16

O Wisdom, Which camest forth out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things; Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai | December 17

O Lord and Ruler of the House of Israel, Who appearedst unto Moses in a flame of fire in the bush, and gavest unto him the Law of Sinai: Come redeem us with a stretched-out arm.

O Radix Jesse | December 18

O Root of Jesse, Who standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom Kings shall shut their mouths, unto Whom the Gentiles shall pray: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

O Clavis David | December 19

O Key of David, and Scepture of the House of Israel, Thou That openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest, and no man openeth: Come, and lose the prisoner from the prison house, and him that sitteth in darkness, from the shadow of death.

O Oriens | December 20

O Orient, Brightest of the Eternal Light, and Sun of Righteousness: Come and lighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium | December 21

O King of the Gentiles, and their Desire, the Corner-stone, Who madest both one: Come and save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth.

O Emmanuel | December 22

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all Nations, and their Saviour: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

O Virgo Virginum | December 23

O Virgin of Virgins, how shall this be? For neither before thee was there any like thee, nor shall there be after. — Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing that ye behold is a divine mystery.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Arranged According to the ACNA Calendar

To be Sung at Morning Prayer or by Families Each Night beginning December 16th

O Sapientia | December 16[†]

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Adonai | December 17^{*}

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Radix Jesse | December 18^{*}

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Clavis David | December 19^{*}

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Oriens | December 20^{*}

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Rex Gentium | December 21[†]

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Emmanuel | December 22^{*}

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Virgo Virginum | December 23[†]

O Virgin great! How shall this be?
None before nor hence were like to thee;
Why, Salem's daughters, marvel ye?

Behold, a heav'nly mystery!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

* J. M. Neale (1861)

† H. S. Coffin (1916)

‡ M. Brench (2017)