



HOLY TRINITY TWICKENHAM

The Advent Antiphons
Advent Sunday
29th November 2020







The **O Antiphons**, also known as **The great Os** are **Magnificat antiphons** used at **Vespers** of the last seven days of **Advent** in **Western Christian** traditions.

Each antiphon is a name of **Jesus**, one of his attributes mentioned in **Scripture**.

They are:

December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

December 18: O Adonai (O Lord)

December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

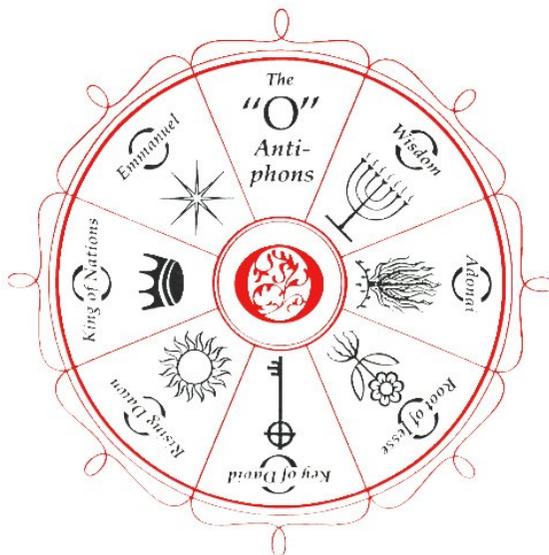
December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

December 21: O Oriens (O Dayspring)

December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

December 23: O Emmanuel (O With Us is God)

The first mention of them is by **Boethius (AD 480–524)**.





O Sapiencia



Sapientia

Latin:

*O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti,
attingens a fine usque ad finem,
fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia:
veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*^[8]

English:

*O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

"The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord." [Isaiah 11 \(2-3\)](#)

O Adonai



The LORD or YHWH

Latin:

*O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel,
qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti,
et ei in Sina legem dedisti:
veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.*

English:

*O Adonai (Lord), and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.*

"For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king;
it is He who will save us. ." [Isaiah 33 \(22\)](#)



O Radix Jesse



Tree of Jesse

Latin:

*O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum,
super quem continebunt reges os suum,
quem Gentes deprecabuntur:
veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.*

English:

*O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.*

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit..... In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.. [Isaiah 11 \(1-3 and 10\)](#)



O Clavis David



Samuel anointing David

Latin:

*O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel;
qui aperis, et nemo claudit;
claudis, et nemo aperit:
veni, et educ vinctum de domo carceris,
sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

English:

*O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

" I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open." [Isaiah 22 \(22\)](#)



○ Oriens



○ Morning Star

Latin:

*O Oriens,
splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae:
veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.*

English:

*O Morning Star,
splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death.*

(Note: A literal translation of the Latin yields "O Rising Sun", but the poetic "O Morning Star" or "O Dayspring" is often preferred.)

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined." [Isaiah 9\(2\)](#)



O Rex Gentium



Prince of Peace

Latin:

*O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum,
lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum:
veni, et salva hominem,
quem de limo formasti.*

English:

*O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.*

"6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.
[Isaiah 9 \(6-7\)](#)



○ Emmanuel



Latin:

*O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,
expectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum:
veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.*

English:

*O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel." [Isaiah 7 \(14\)](#)

(Note: [Emmanuel](#) means “God with us”).

Comfort and Joy



Comfort and Joy is the Church of England's 2020 Christmas campaign.

Taking inspiration from a traditional carol service, it features daily reflections for the Christmas season from Kate Bottley, Jonathan Bryan, Bob Chilcot, Martha Collison, Stephen Cottrell, Guli Francis-Dehqani, Chine McDonald, Sally Phillips and Justin Welby.

Beginning on Christmas Day and ending on 2 January, each day explores a Bible reading and a familiar carol, encouraging us to look with fresh eyes at how the timeless truth of Christmas might shape our lives in these extraordinary times, and inviting us to hear again the message of the angels - good news of God's unfailing love for a world that is weary and hurting.

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O Emmanuel

