

# The Great O Antiphons

17<sup>th</sup> December



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

**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.

18<sup>th</sup> December



**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.*

**O 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.

19<sup>th</sup> December



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

**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.

20<sup>th</sup> December



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

**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.

21<sup>st</sup> December



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

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

22<sup>nd</sup> December



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

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

23<sup>rd</sup> December



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

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