

The O Antiphons are sung during Evening Prayer and are gospel acclamations from December 17-23 as we wait for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The authorship and exact date of the O Antiphons are not known though they date back to at least the 9th century, and probably much earlier.

These prayerful jewels of the Advent liturgy are inspired by Isaiah.

Sapientia...O Wisdom,
O Holy Word of God...
*come and teach us the way
to salvation.*

O Adonai...O Lord and Leader
of the house of Israel...
stretch out your hand to set us free.

O Radix Jesse...O Flower of Jesse's stem...
*come, let nothing keep you from
coming to our aid...*

O Clavis David...O Key of David...
break down the prison walls of death...
*and lead your captive people
into freedom.*

O Oriens...O Radiant Dawn...
*shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.*

O Rex Gentium...O King
of all the nations...
*come and save the creature you
fashioned from the dust.*

O Emmanuel...God-with-us...
come and save us, Lord our God.



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