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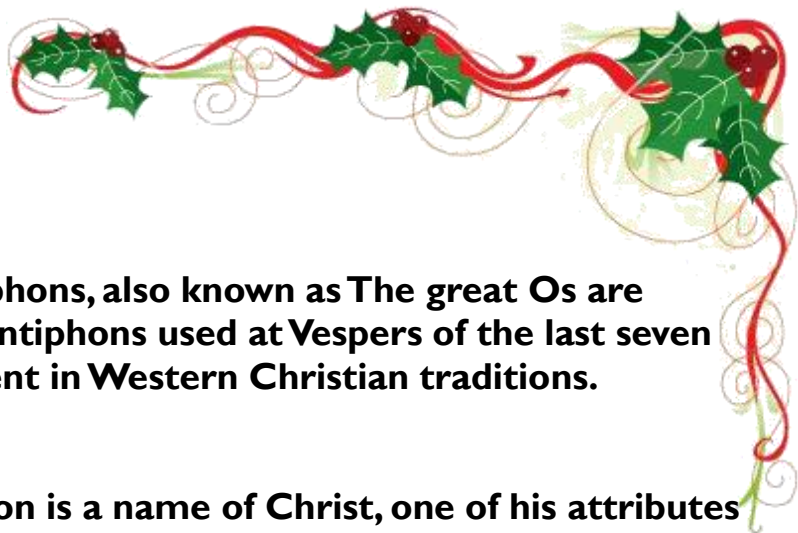
The Advent Antiphons

The Third Sunday of Advent



9am Sunday 12 December 2021





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 Christ, 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)

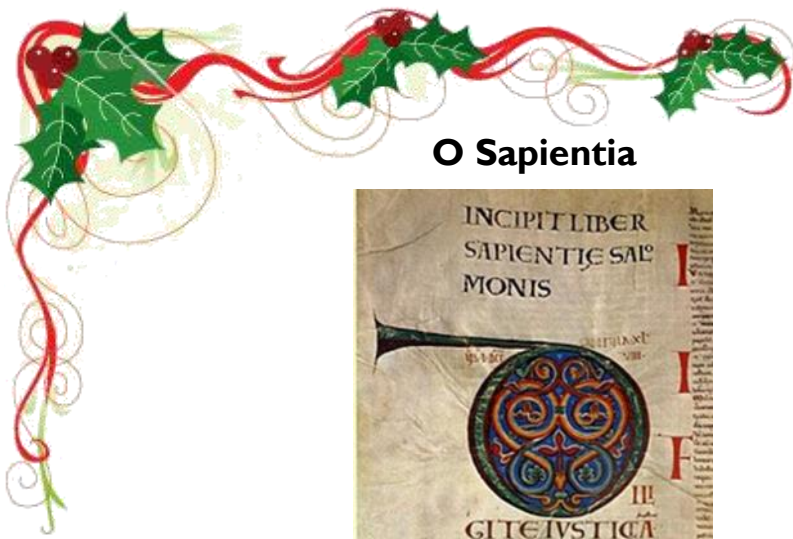
December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

December 21: O Oriens (O Dayspring)

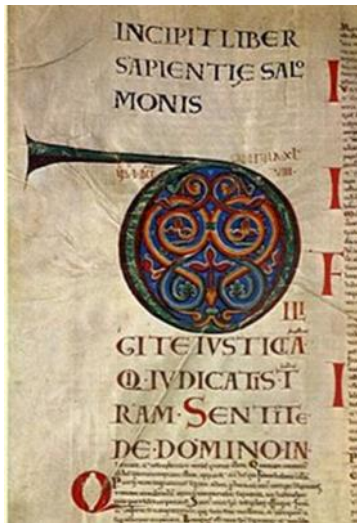
December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

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

The first mention of them is by Boethius (AD 480–524). By the eighth century, they are in use in the liturgical celebrations in Rome and monastic life.



O Sapientia



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.* [\[1\]](#)

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 shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord." [Isaiah 11:2-3](#)



O Adonai



The prophet Isaiah

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 ruler, the Lord is our king; he 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 shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots....."On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious." [Isaiah 11:1 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 of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open." [Isaiah 22:22](#)



O Oriens



[The Dawn Breaking](#), the Light of the World

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.*

"He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." [Isaiah 2:4](#)

"But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." [Isaiah 64:8](#)



O Emmanuel



Mary with child

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. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." [Isaiah 7:14](#)

([Emmanuel](#) = God is with us).



O Emmanuel



HOLY TRINITY TWICKENHAM

You are warmly invited to these special Christmas Services:

Sunday 12th December	9.00am	Holy Communion with the Advent Antiphons
	4.00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 19th December	10.30am	Carol Service with the Trinity Singers and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight with the Trinity Singers
Friday 24th December	3.30pm	Christmas Eve - The Story of Christmas <i>(children very welcome to dress up!)</i>
	11.00pm	Midnight Communion
Saturday 25th December	10.30am	Christmas Family Communion

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