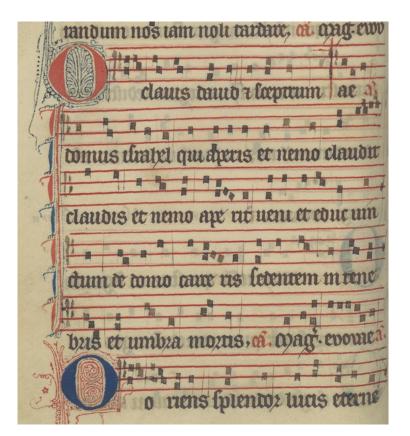


#### THE GREAT ADVENT ANTIPHONS

#### **DECEMBER 17 - 23**



## This is a *catalyst* for *YOUR* meditation:

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## **O** ANTIPHONS

See the first letters of these Latin Biblical titles.

- O **SAPIENTIA** (Wisdom)
- O ADONAI (Lord)
- **O** *R***<b>ADIX JESSE** (Root of Jesse)
- O CLAVIS DAVID (Key of David)
- **O ORIENS** (Dayspring)
- **O***R***<b>EX GENTIUM (King of Nations)**
- **O***E***<b>MMANUEL** (God-with-us)

Then read them in reverse order, which form this acrostic

# ERO CRAS,

## which translates as:

I will be with you tomorrow.

## O ANTIPHON [Advent \_ December 17]

#### **O SAPIENTIA** (Wisdom)

## O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

Genesis 49 \_ tribute is brought to him, (...) receives the people's homage. Psalm 72 \_ govern your people with justice (...). Matthew 1:1-17 \_ Mary \_ of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem** The flocks lead the shepherds' path and others the Star's.

> **Future: Final Judgement** Justice shall flower (...)

**Present | Now: the Eucharist** The Born is the Sacred Host \_ the Body of Christ.

## O ANTIPHON [Advent \_ December 18]

#### **O ADONAI** (Lord)

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

Jeremiah 23 \_ "The Lord our justice." Psalm 72 \_ the lowly and the poor (...) Matthew 1:18-25 \_ Behold, the virgin shall be with child (...).

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

#### **Past: Bethlehem**

The lowly and the poor filled the stable.

#### **Future: Final Judgement**

The Lord our justice will decision the verdict.

#### **Present | Now: the Eucharist**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

## **O** ANTIPHON [Advent \_ December 19]

#### **O** *R***<b>ADIX JESSE** (Root of Jesse)

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before y been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Micah 5:1-4a \_ (...) ancient times (...) birth has borne (...). Psalm 80 \_ give us new life (...). Hebrews 10:5-10 \_ Behold (...) body of Jesus Christ once for all. Luke 1:39-45 \_ the Lord would be fulfilled.

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

Past: Bethlehem (...) birth had borne (...)

Future: Final Judgement (...) new life (...)

**Present | Now: the Eucharist** Behold (...) offering the Body (...) be fulfilled.

## O ANTIPHON [Advent \_ December 20]

#### **O** CLAVIS DAVID (Key of David)

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

Isaiah 7:10-14 \_ A sign (...) as the sky! Psalm 24 \_ The Lord's are the earth and its fullness (...). Luke 1:26-38 \_ (...) the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem** The Star radiant from horizon to horizons.

> **Future: Final Judgement** The Most High is the Judge.

Present | Now: the Eucharist I AM the GATE. (John 10:9)

## **O** ANTIPHON [Advent \_ December 21]

#### **OORIENS** (Dayspring)

O Radiant Dawn, eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Song of Songs 2 \_ (...) and you are lovely. Psalm 33 \_ the plan of the Lord stands forever; the design of his heart (...). Luke 1:39-45 \_ Blessed are you who believed (...).

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem** (...) and you are lovely (...) the Nativity Scene!

> Future: Final Judgement God's Plan.

**Present | Now: the Eucharist** 

Blessed are you who believed (...) Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

## O ANTIPHON [Advent \_ December 22]

#### **O***R***EX GENTIUM (King of Nations)**

## O King of all nations and keystone of the Church; come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

1 Samuel 1 \_ was given to the Lord (...) shall be dedicated to the Lord. 1 Samuel 2 \_ from the dung heap he lifts up the poor (...). Luke 1:46-56 \_ The Lord has cast down the mighty (...) and has lifted up the lowly (...)

has filled the hungry with good things,

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem** The Dedicated Baby in a stable!

**Future: Final Judgement** The Lord casts down and lifted up.

Present | Now: the Eucharist Fill our hungry for the BREAD of ANGELS, whom IS the BREAD of LIFE.

## **O** ANTIPHON

[Advent \_ December 23]

#### **O***E***<b>MMANUEL** (God-with-us)

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

Malachi 3 \_ Lest I come and strike the land with doom. Psalm 25 \_ The Lord teaches the humble his way (...). Luke 1:57-66 \_ The Lord had shown his great mercy (...).

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

#### **Past: Bethlehem**

A humble way with the manger in the stable.

#### Future: Final Judgement Doom or Boom?

Present | Now: the Eucharist

Lamb of God (...) have mercy on us. Agnus Dei (...) miserere nobis.