

The Antiphons

| TITLE* | ANTIPHON | SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS |
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| Sapientia | O Wisdom that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence! | The Lord giveth Wisdom : and out of his mouth cometh prudence and knowledge (Proverbs 2:6). |
| Adonai | O Adonai , and Ruler of the House of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm! | The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: I am the Lord that appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, by the name of God Almighty: and my name Adonai I did not shew them (Exodus 6:2-3). |
| Radix | O Root of Jesse , which standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Nations shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry. | And there shall come forth a rod out of the Root of Jesse , and a flower shall rise up out of his Root (Isaias 11:1). |
| Clavis | O Key of David , and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. | And I will lay the Key of the house of David upon his shoulder: and he shall open, and none shall shut: and he shall shut, and none shall open (Isaias 22:22). |
| Oriens | O Orient , Brightness of the everlasting light, Sun of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death! | Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold a Man—the Orient is his name: and under him shall he spring up, and shall build a temple to the Lord (Zacharias 6:12). The prophet of the Highest [shall] go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways: To give knowledge of salvation to his people, unto the remission of their sins. Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us: To enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to direct our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:76-79). |
| Rex | O King of the Nations , yea, and the Desired thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth! | Who shall not fear thee, O King of the Nations ? for thine is the glory: among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms there is none like unto thee (Jeremias 10:7). And I will move all nations: and the Desired of all Nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory: saith the Lord of Hosts (Haggeus 2:7). |
| Emmanuel | O Emmanuel , our King and our Law-giver, Expectation of the Nations , yea, and Salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God! | Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel (Isaias 7:14). The Sceptre shall not be taken away from Juda, nor a Ruler from his thigh, till he come that is to be sent, and he shall be the Expectation of the Nations (Genesis 49:10). |

* The initial letters of the titles of Our Lord, taken in reverse order, spell the acrostic *Ero cras*, Latin for “I shall be [there] tomorrow.”