

# The Great O Antiphons

## Gospel Cantic: Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

### Antiphon of the Day

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From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and Holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

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for He has remembered His promise of mercy,  
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5. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
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6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
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#### December 17: O Wisdom (O Sapientia)

O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, you ordered all things mightily and sweetly. Come, and teach us the way of prudence.



#### December 18: O Lord and Ruler (O Adonai)

O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai gave him your Law. Come, and with outstretched arm redeem us.



#### December 19: O Root of Jesse (O Radix Jesse)

O Root of Jesse, you stand for the ensign of all mankind; before you kings shall keep silence and to you all nations shall have recourse. *Come*, save us, and do not delay.



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

O Key of David, Scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no man closes; you close and no man opens. *Come*, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.



#### December 21: O Rising Dawn (O Oriens)

O Rising Dawn, Radiance of the Light eternal and Sun of Justice; *Come*, enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.



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

O King of the Gentiles, Desired of all, you are the cornerstone that binds two into one. *Come*, and save poor man whom you fashion out of clay.



#### December 23: O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior: Come, and save us, O Lord our God.

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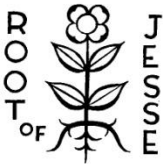
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