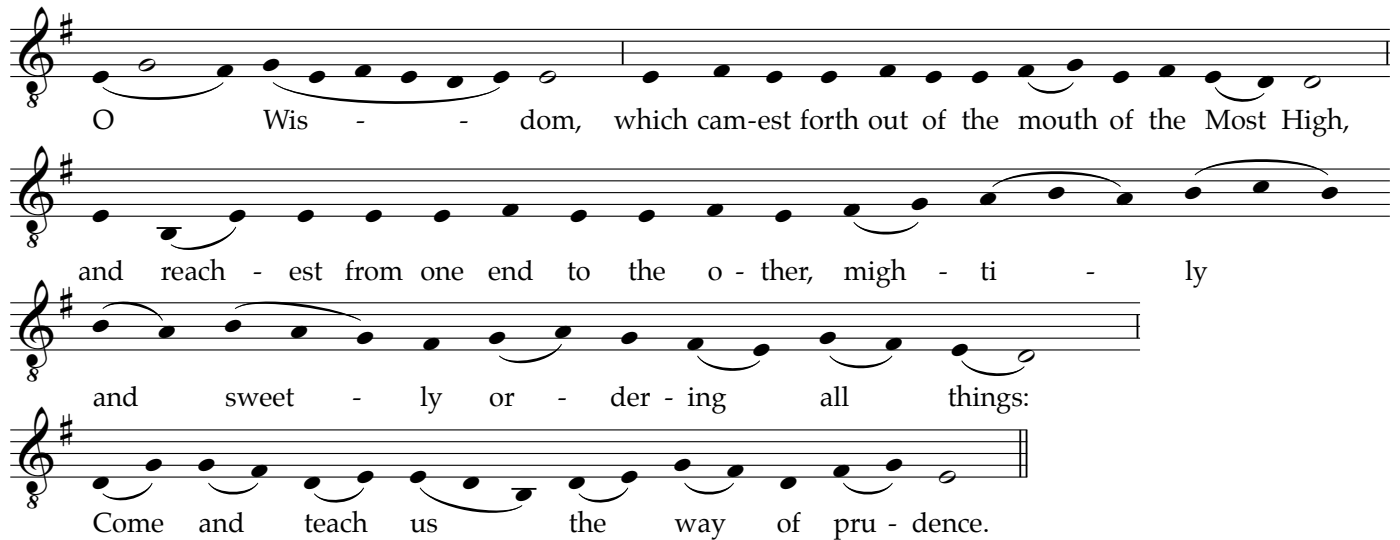


The Great “O” Antiphons

Evening Antiphon for Dec. 16: Anglicanum and Dec. 17: Romanum

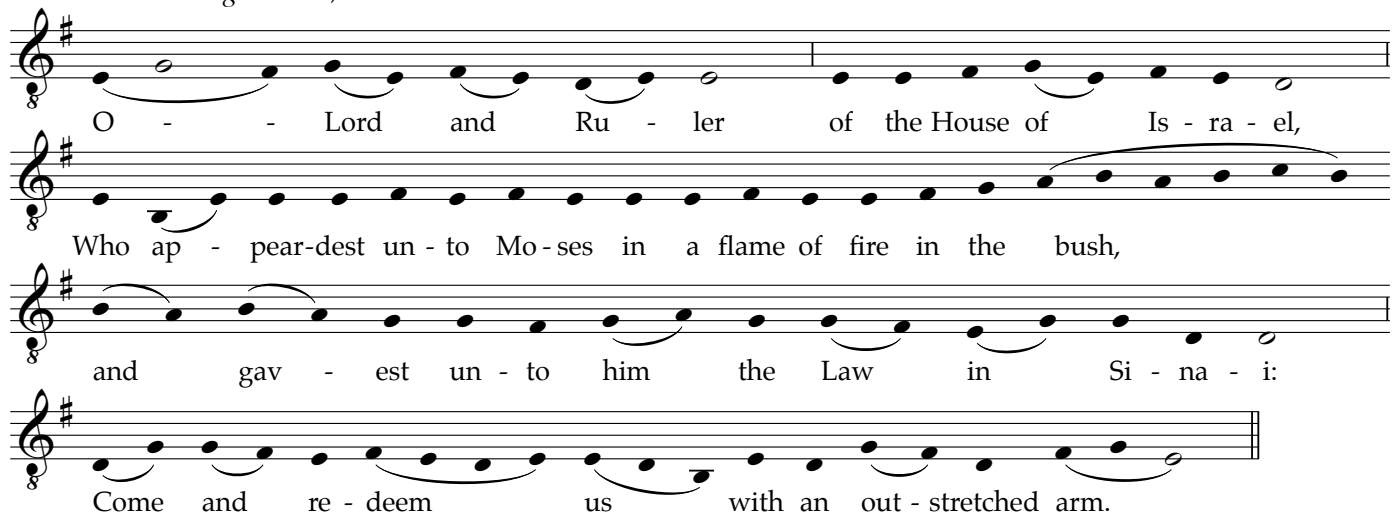
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O SAPIENTIA.



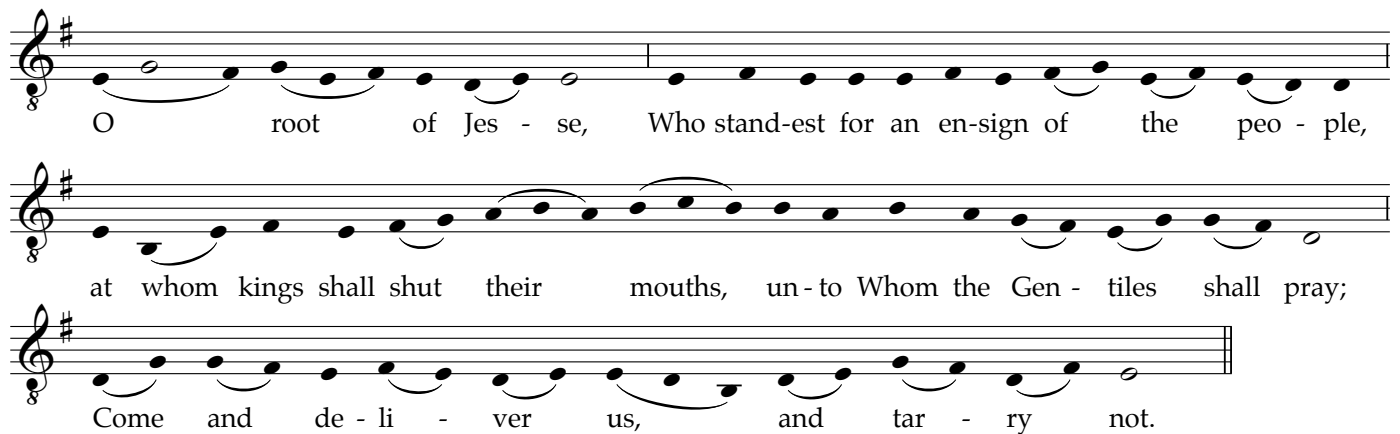
O Wis - - dom, which cam-est forth out of the mouth of the Most High,
and reach - est from one end to the o - ther, migh - ti - ly
and sweet - ly or - der - ing all things:
Come and teach us the way of pru - dence.

Dec. 17: Anglicanum, Dec. 18: Romanum O ADONAI.



O - - Lord and Ru - ler of the House of Is - ra - el,
Who ap - pear-dest un - to Mo - ses in a flame of fire in the bush,
and gav - est un - to him the Law in Si - na - i:
Come and re - deem us with an out - stretched arm.

Dec. 18: Anglicanum, Dec. 19: Romanum O RADIX JESSE.



O root of Jes - se, Who stand-est for an en-sign of the peo - ple,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths, un-to Whom the Gen - tiles shall pray;
Come and de - li - ver us, and tar - ry not.

Dec. 19: Anglicanum, Dec. 20: Romanum

O CLAVIS DAVID.

O Key of Da - vid, and Sce-pter of the House of Is - ra - el,
 Thou that o - pen - est and no man shut - - teth,
 and shut - test, and no man o - pen - eth:
 Come, and loose the pri - son - er from the pri - son house,
 and him that sit-teth in dark - ness, from the sha - dow of death.

Dec. 20: Anglicanum, Dec. 21: Romanum

O ORIENS.

O O - ri - ent, Bright-ness of the E - ter - nal Light,
 and Sun of Righ- teous - ness: Come and ligh - ten them that sit
 in dark - ness, and in the sha - dow of death

Dec. 21: Anglicanum, Dec. 22: Romanum

O REX GENTIUM.

O King of the Gen - tiles, and their De - sire,
 the Cor - ner - stone, Who ma - dest both one:
 Come and save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth.

O EMMANUEL

Dec. 22: Anglicanum, Dec. 23: Romanum

O EM - MA - NU - EL, our King and Law giv - er,
the De - sire of all Na - tions, and their Sa - viour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

O VIRGO VIRGINUM

Dec. 23: Anglicanum

O VIR - GIN of Vir - gins, how shall this be?
For nei - ther be-fore thee was there a - ny like thee, nor shall there be af-ter.
Daugh - ters of Je - ru - sa - lem, why mar - vel ye at me?
The thing that ye be - hold is a di - vine mys - te - ry.