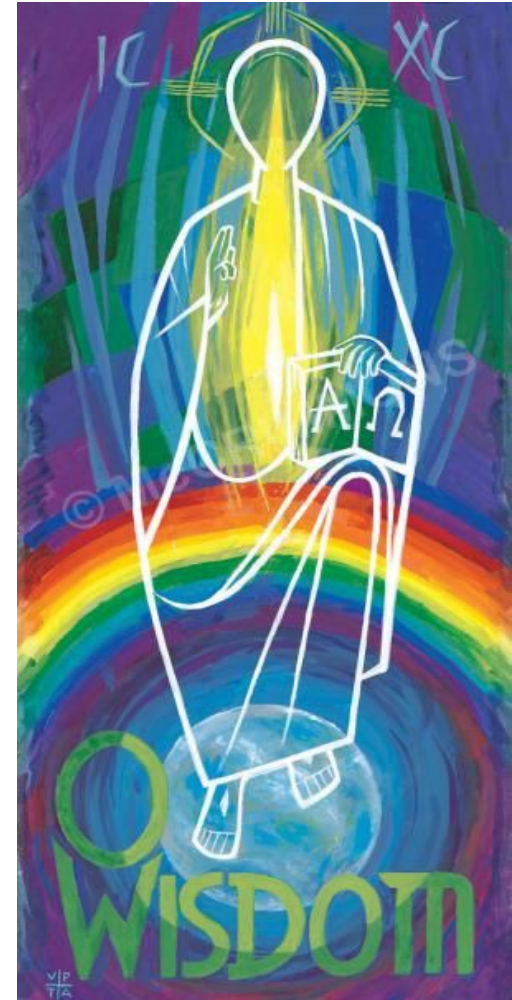


O Sapientia

“O Wisdom, O holy word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.” And “Wonderful is His counsel, and great is His Wisdom.

To the Tune of “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



O Adonai

“O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on the mountain of Sinai: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.”
Isaiah had prophesied, “But He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted. HE shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band about his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. And “Indeed the Lord will be there with us, majestic; yes, the Lord our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king, he it is who will save us.”

To the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



O Radix 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 you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.” Isaiah had prophesied, “But a shoot shall sprout from the stem of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.” Remember also that Jesse was the father of King David, and Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be born to the house and lineage of David and be born in David’s city, Bethlehem.

To the Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



O Clavis David

“O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of Heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.” Isaiah has prophesied “I will place the Key of the House of David on His shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open.” And “His Dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David’s throne, and over His kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgement and justice, both now and forever.”

To the Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



O Oriens

“O Radiant Dawn, splendour of the eternal light, sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.” Isaiah had prophesied “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.”

To the Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,

And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

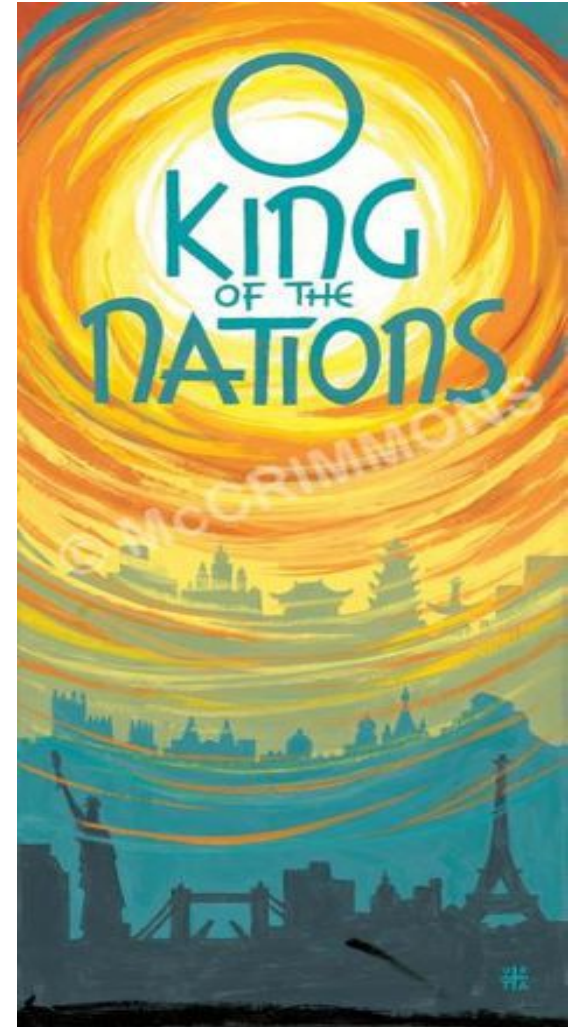


O Rex Gentium

“O king of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.” Isaiah had prophesied, “For a child is born to us, a son given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” And “He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”

To the Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



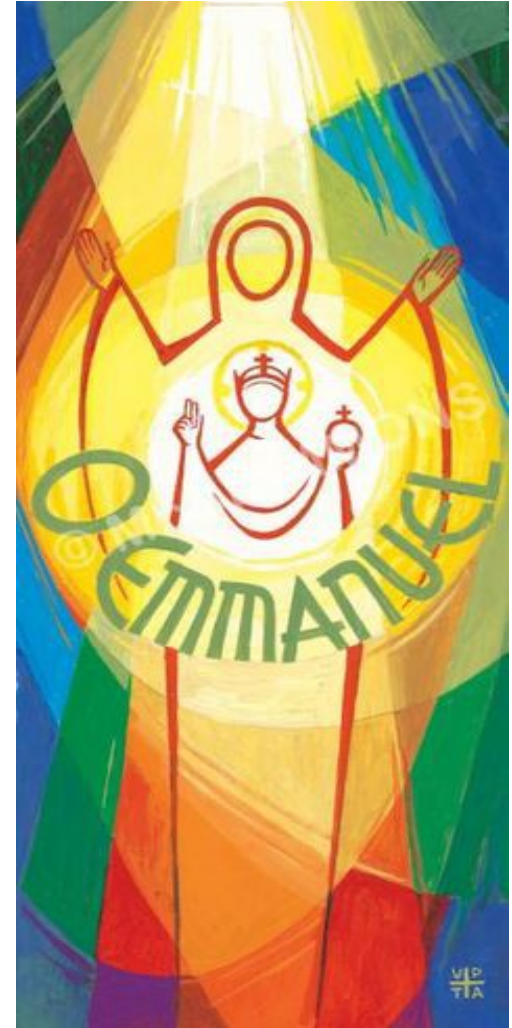
O Emmanuel

“O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The Lord himself will give you this sign: the young woman shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

Remember “Emmanuel” means “God With Us”.

To the Tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Tomorrow, I Will Come

If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one –

Emmanuel,

Rex,

Oriens,

Clavis,

Radix,

Adonai,

Sapientia,

the Latin words “ero cras” are formed, meaning

“Tomorrow, I will come”. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us “Tomorrow, I will come”. So the “O Antiphons” not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

