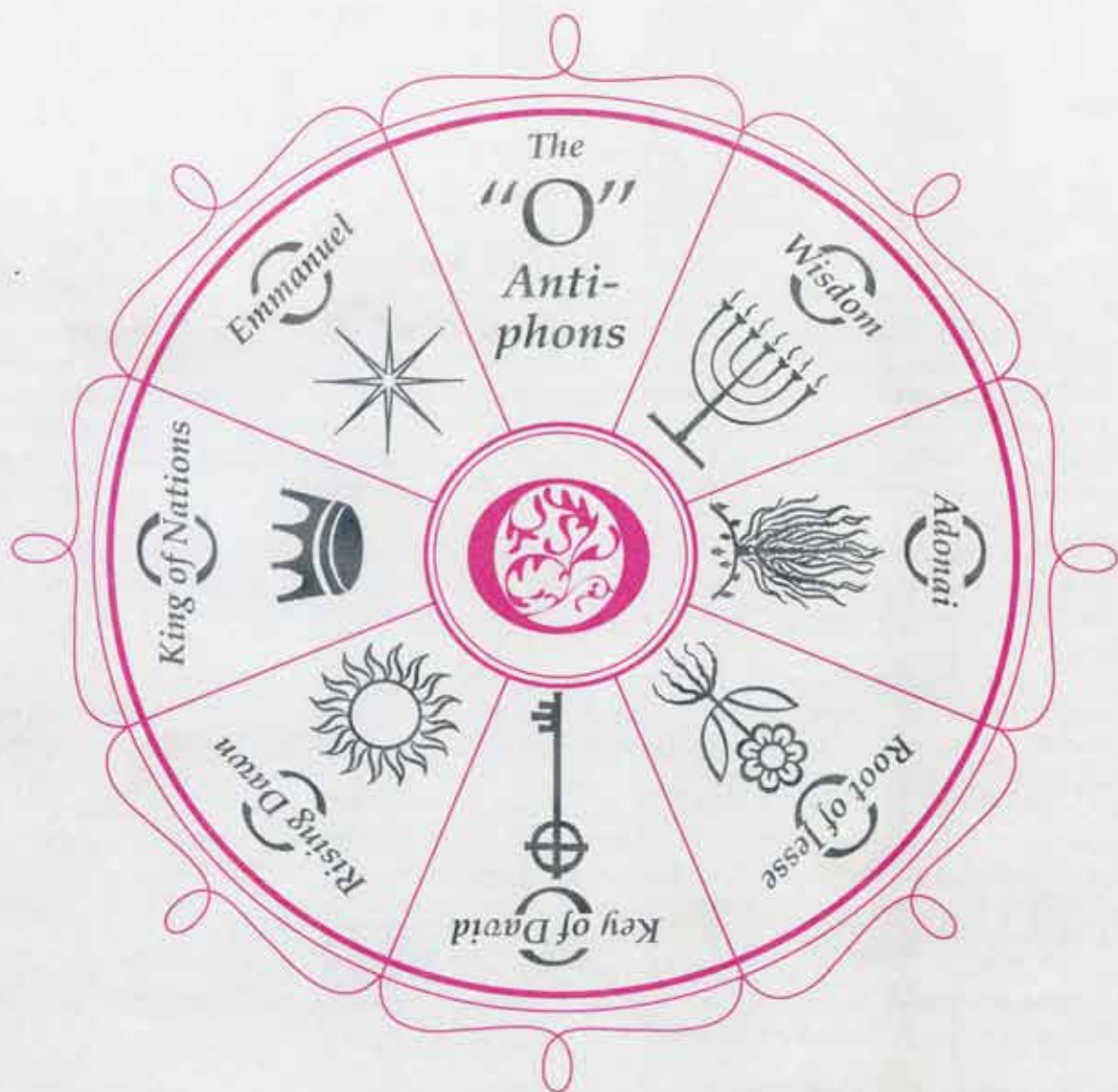


THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS



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1986

Advent Antiphons
for choir of mixed voices

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Choral Score

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PERFORMANCE NOTES

The origin of the "O" Antiphons is not known. They have been found in manuscripts from the ninth century and are frequently attributed to St. Gregory the Great. The Antiphons were chanted before and after the *Magnificat* at Vespers on the days immediately preceding Christmas. Each one presents a title given to Christ in the Old Testament and a petition asking for the fulfillment of a Scriptural promise or prophesy. The antiphon texts are the basis for the verses of the beloved Advent Hymn *Veni, veni Emmanuel*.

This publication includes the 1986 choral settings by Peter Hallock and the traditional Gregorian melodies on which they are based. These antiphons were written for an Advent Carol Service (see our publication *The "O" Antiphons—An Advent Service*).

For the initial performance, the Latin chants were sung by a men's choir from one end of the church followed by the mixed choir settings sung from the opposite end. It is also possible for a solo cantor, a few men's voices or the men of the mixed choir to sing the chants.

The antiphons may be used separately as choral propers during the Advent Season, with or without the chants preceding them. The Gregorian chants are published here in both traditional notation and a modern realization. Singers are encouraged to sing from the Gregorian notation as this more accurately presents the groupings, shapes and inflections intended by the original melodies.

A less elaborate setting of these texts by Peter Hallock for choir, organ and handbells may be found in our publication CH-1030.

Carl Crosier
Editor

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Texts from the Advent Propers

music by **PETER R. HALLOCK**
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1. O Sapientia

December 17

Antiphona II D



Sa-pi-énti-a, * quæ ex o-re Altíssimi
pro-dí-sti, at-tín-gens a fi-ne usque ad finem, fórti-ter
su-á-vi-ter disponéns-que ómni-a : ve-ni ad-do-céndum
nos vi-am prudénti-æ. E u o u a e.

O Sa - pi - én - ti - a,* quæ ex o - re Al - tís - si - mi pro - dí - sti,
at - tín - gens a fi - ne us-que ad fi-nem, fór-ti-ter su-á- vi-ter dis-po-
néns-que óm-ni - a: ve - ni ad do-cén - dum nos vi - am pru-dén-ti - æ.

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♩ = c. 72

ff O Sa - pi - en - ti - a, *p* O wis - dom,
ff O Sa pi - en - ti - a, *p* O wis - dom,
ff O Sa - pi - en - ti - a, *p* O wis - dom,
f *p* O wis - dom, O wis - dom,

mp You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to an - oth - er
mp You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to an - oth - er
mp You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to an - oth - er
mp You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to an - oth - er

f might - - - *ff* i - ly and *mp* sweet - ly or - der - ing *pp* all things.
ff might - i - ly and *mp* sweet - ly or - der - ing *pp* all things.
f might - - - *ff* i - ly and *mp* sweet - ly or - der - ing *pp* all things.
ff might - i - ly and *mp* sweet - ly or - der - ing *pp* all things.

mf *poco rit.* *mp* *p*

Come and teach us _____ the way of pru-dence.

mf *mp* *p*

Come and teach us _____ the way of pru - dence.

mf *mp* *p*

Come and teach us _____ the way of pru-dence.

mf *mp* *p*

Come and teach us _____ the way of pru-dence.

2. O Adonai

December 18

Ant.
II D



A-do-ná-i, * et Dux domus Isra-el, qui

Mó-y-si in igne flammæ ru-bi appa-ru-í-sti, et

e-i in Si-na legem de-dísti: ve-ni ad red-iméndum

nos in bráchi-o exténto. E u o u a e.

O A - do - ná - i,* et Dux do-mus Is-ra-el, qui Mó - y - si in

ig-ne flam-me ru-bi ap-pa-ru-í - sti, et e-i in Si-na le-gem

de-dí-sti: ve - ni ad red-im-én - dum nos in brá-chi-o ex-tén - to.

f O A - - do - nai, ruler of the house of Is - ra - el. *mp*

f O A - - do - nai, ruler of the house of Is - ra - el. *mp*

f O A - - do - nai, ruler of the house of Is - ra - el. *mp*

f O A - - do - nai, ruler of the house of Is - ra - el. *mp*

O A - do - nai, ruler of the house of Is - ra - el.

f you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law:

f you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law:

f you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law:

f you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law:

you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush; on Mount Sinai you gave him your law:

f with out - - stretched arm come and re - deem us. *ff* *pp*

ff with out-stretched arm come and re - deem us. *pp*

f with out - - stretched arm come and re - deem us. *ff* *pp*


ff with out-stretched arm come and re - deem us. *pp*

with out-stretched arm come and re - deem us.

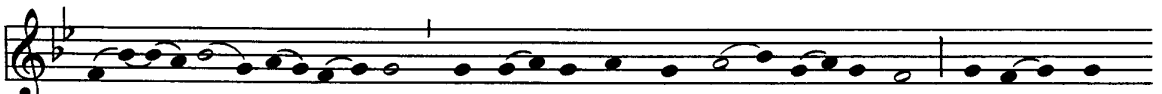
3. O Radix Jesse

December 19

Ant.
II D



ra-dix Jesse,* qui stas in signum popu-ló-rum,
super quem conti-nébunt reges os su-um, quem gentes
depre-ca-búntur : ve-ni ad li-be-rándum nos, jam no-
li tardá-re. E u o u a e.



O ra - dix Jes - se,* qui stas in sig-num po - pu - ló-rum, su-per quem



con-ti-né - bunt re-ges os su - um, quem gen-tes de-pre - ca - bún-tur:



ve - ni ad li - be - rán - dum nos, jam no - li tar - dá - re.

f O Ra - dix Jes - se, *mf* you stand as an ensign to the

f O Ra dix Jes - se, *mf* you stand as an ensign to the

f O Ra - dix Jes - se, *mf* you stand as an ensign to the

f O Root of Jes - se *mf* you stand as an ensign to the

p peo - ples; before you kings shall keep si - lence, all nations bow in wor - ship: *pp* *ppp*

p peo - ples; before you kings shall keep si - lence, all nations bow in wor - ship: *pp* *ppp*

p peo - ples; before you kings shall keep si - lence, all nations bow in wor - ship: *pp* *ppp*

p peo - ples; before you kings shall keep si - lence, all nations bow in wor - ship: *pp* *ppp*

f Come and save us, and do not de - lay. *ff* *p* *pp*

f Come and save us, and do not de - lay. *ff* *p* *pp*

f Come and save us, and do not de - lay. *ff* *p* *pp*

f Come and save us, and do not de - lay. *ff* *p* *pp*

4. O Clavis David

December 20

Ant.
II D



cla- vis David, * et sceptrum domus Isra- el :

qui ápe- ris, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo ápe-
rit : ve- ni, et educ vinc-tum de domo cárce- ris, se-
déntem in té- nebris et umbra mortis. E u o u a e.



O cla - vis Da - vid,* et scep - trum do - mus Is - ra - el: qui á - pe - ris, et ne - mo
claud - it; claud - is, et ne - mo á - pe - rit: ve - ni, et e - duc
vinc - tum de do - mo cár - ce - ris, se - dén - tem in té - ne - bris et
um - bra mor - tis.

f *ff* *mf*

O Cla - vis Da - vid, O Key of Da - vid, Scepter of the house of Israel,

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O Key of Da - vid, Scepter of the house of Israel,

f *p* *pp* *mp*

you open and no one closes; you close and no one o - pens: Come and de - liv - er us.

you open and no one closes; you close and no one o - pens: Come and de - liv - er us.

you open and no one closes; you close and no one o - pens: Come and de - liv - er us.

you open and no one closes; you close and no one o - pens: Come and de - liv - er us.

f *mp*

liv - er us, come and de - liv - er us, we who sit in

from the chains of pri - son — we who sit in

from the chains of pri - son — we who sit in

from the chains of pri - son — we who sit in

ritard.

pp *ppp*

dark - ness and in the shad - ow of death.

dark - ness and in the shad - ow of death.

dark - ness and in the shad - ow of death.

dark - ness and in the shad - ow of death.

5. O Oriens December 21

Ant.
H D

O - ri - ens, * splendor lu - cis ætérnæ, et sol

justí-ti - æ : ve - ni, et illúmi - na sedéntes in

té - nebris et umbra mortis. E u o u a e.

O — O - ri - ens, * splen - dor lu - cis ae - tér - nae, et sol jus - tí - ti - ae:

ve - ni, et il - lú - mi - na se - dén - tes in té - ne - bris et um - bra mor - tis.

f ri - ens, ———
f ri - ens, ———
f ri - ens, ———
f O Ris - ing Dawn, ———

always moving forward

Bright - - - ness of the light e - ter - nal, sun of *mf*
 Bright - - - ness of the light e - ter - nal, sun of *mf*
 Bright - - - ness of the light e - ter - nal, sun of *mf*
 Bright - - - ness of the light e - ter - nal, sun of *mf*

right-eous-ness: *f* Come and en - light - en those who sit in *mf*
 right-eous-ness: *f* Come and en - light - en those who sit in *mf*
 right-eous-ness: *f* Come and en - light - en those who sit in dark - ness *mf*
 right-eous-ness: *f* Come and en - light - en those who sit in dark - ness *mf*

ritard.

dark - ness and in the shad - ow of death.

dark - ness and in the shad - ow of death.

and in the shad - ow of death.

and in the shad - ow of death.

6. O Rex Gentium

December 22

Ant.
II D

Rex génti- um, * et de-si-de-rá-tus e-á-rum, la-
písque angu-lá-ris, qui fa-cis útraque unum : ve-ní,
et salva hó-mi-nem, quem de limo formásti. E u o u a e.

O Rex gén - ti - um,* et de - si - de - rá - tus e - á - rum, la - pís - que
an - gu - lá - ris, qui fa - cis út - ra - quae un - um: ve - ni et
sal - va hó - mi - nem, quem de li - mo for - más - ti.

f *pp*
f *pp*
f *pp*
f *pp*
 O Rex Gen-ti-um, and
 O Rex Gen-ti-um, and
 O Rex Gen-ti-um, and
 O King of na-tions and



mf
mf
mf
mf
 their de-sire; You are the cornerstone that binds two into one:
 their de-sire; You are the cornerstone that binds two into one:
 their de-sire; You are the cornerstone that binds two into one:
 their de-sire; You are the cornerstone that binds two into one:

f *ff* *mf* *ppp*
f *ff* *mf* *ppp*
f *ff* *mf* *ppp*
f *ff* *mf* *ppp*
 Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned from clay.
 Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned from clay.
 Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned from clay.
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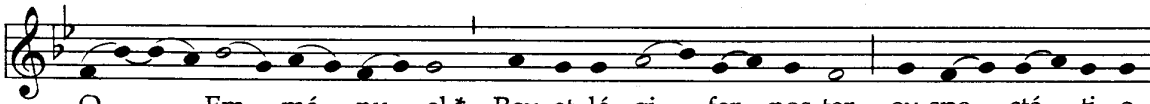
7. O Emmanuel

December 23


Ant.
II D

Emmá-nu-el, * Rex et lé-gi-fer noster, exspe-
ctá-ti-o génti-um, et Salvá-tor e-á-rum: ve-ni ad
salvándum nos Dó-mi-ne De-us noster. E u o u a e.



O Em - má - nu - el,* Rex et lé - gi - fer nos-ter, ex-spe - ctá - ti - o



gén-ti - um, et Sal - vá - tor e - á - rum: ve - ni ad sal-ván - dum nos



Dó - mi - ne De - us nos - ter.

allargando

Em - ma - nu - el, our King and Law -

Em - ma - nu - el, our King and Law -

Em - ma - nu - el, our King and Law -

our King and Law -

giv - er, the desire of the Nations and their sal - va - tion:

giv - er, the desire of the Nations and their sal - va - tion:

giv - er, the desire of the Nations and their sal - va - tion:

giv - er, the desire of the Nations and their sal - va - tion:

Slower

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.