

# O ANTIPHONS

The O Antiphons ascend climatically through salvation history.

*\*Key: Isaiah references point to the origin of each "O" invocation. Summaries plot us in historical eras as we climb through salvation history.*

## O WISDOM

ISAIAH 28:29

December 17  
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.

Back into eternity where we address Wisdom. See John 1.



## O SACRED LORD

ISAIAH 33:22

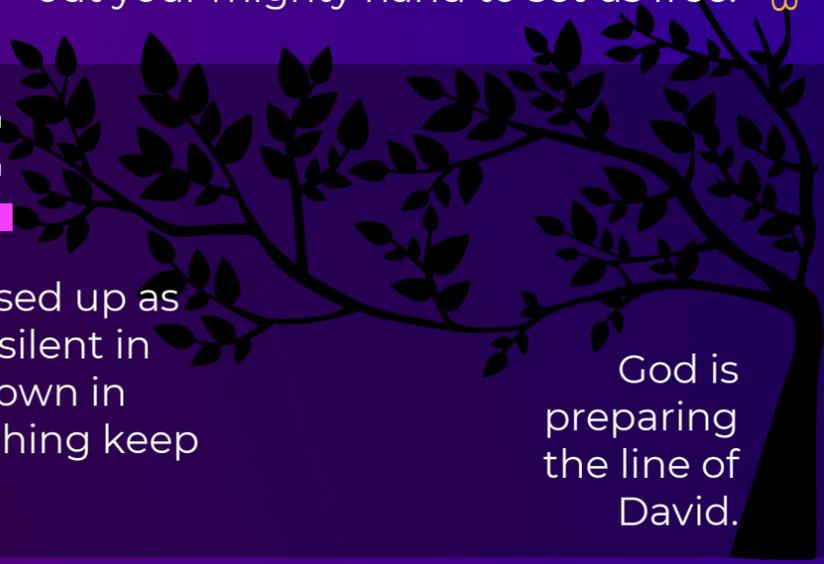
December 18  
O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.



## O ROOT OF JESSE

ISAIAH 11:10

December 19  
O root of Jesse, 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.



God is preparing the line of David.

## O KEY OF DAVID

ISAIAH 22:22

David's power is established. He is a king after God's heart.



December 20  
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.

## O RISING SUN

ISAIAH 60:19-20

December 21  
O Rising Sun, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.



David's line is elevated. Drawing our eye up to look on a rising star in the east.

## O KING OF NATIONS

ISAIAH 2:4



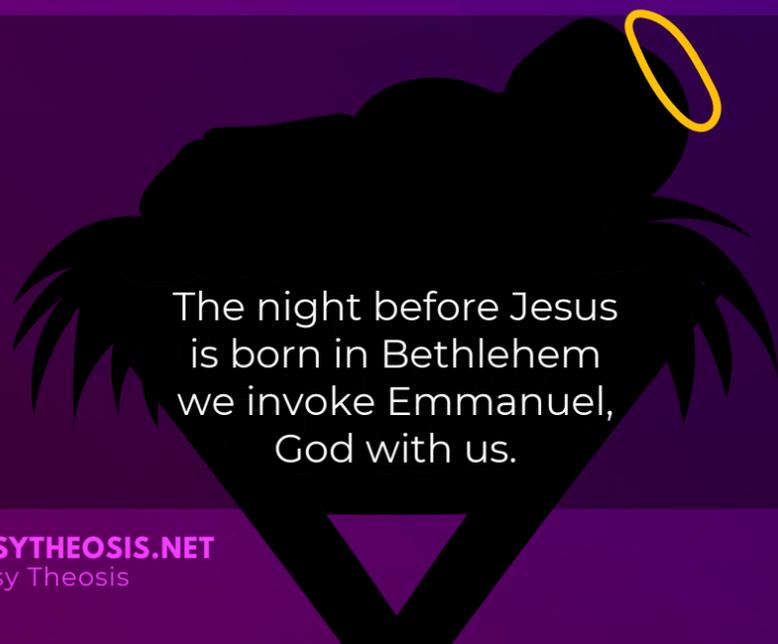
The long awaited messiah is foretold to be the king of all the nations.

December 22  
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.

## O EMMANUEL

ISAIAH 7:14

December 23  
O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people: Come and set us free, Lord our God.



The night before Jesus is born in Bethlehem we invoke Emmanuel, God with us.