

December 17-December 24

December 17

O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia: veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.

O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High (Sir 24,30), and reaching from beginning to end, you ordered all things mightily and sweetly (Wis 8,1). Come, and teach us the way of prudence (Is 40,14).

December 18

O Adonai, et Dux domus Israel, qui Moysi in igne flammae rubi apparuisti, et ei in Sina legem dedisti: veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

O Adonai (Lord) and Ruler of the house of Israel (Mt 2,6), you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush (Ex 3,2), and on Mount Sinai gave him your Law (Ex 20). Come, and with outstretched arm redeem us (Jer 32,21).

December 19

O Radix Iesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continebunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, iam noli tardare.

O Root of Jesse, you stand for an ensign of mankind; before you kings shall keep silence, and to you all nations shall have recourse (Is 52,15). Come, save us, and do not delay.

December 20

O Clavis David, et sceptrum domus Israel; qui aperis, et nemo claudit; claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vincitum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.

O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel: you open and no man closes; you close and no man opens (Is 22,22). Come, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107, 10).

December 21

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol iustitiae: veni, et illumine sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis

Rising Dawn, Radiance of the Light eternal (Hab 3,4) and Sun of Justice (Mal 3,20); come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Lk 1, 78).

December 22

O Rex gentium, et desideratus earum, lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum: veni, et salva hominem, quem de limo formasti.

O King of the Gentiles and Desired of all (Hag 2,8), you are the cornerstone that binds two into one (Eph 2,20). Come, and save poor man whom you fashion out of clay (Gen 2, 7).

December 23

O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio gentium, et Salvatore arum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.

O Emmanuel (Is 7,14), our King and Lawgiver (Gen 49,10; cf. Ez 21, 32), the Expected of nations and their Savior (Is 33,22): come, and save us, O Lord our God.