

[7] 23 December

Ant.
2 D

O Em-man-u-el, * our King and Law-giv-er,
the De-sire of all na-tions and their Sav-ior : come and save
us, O Lord our God.

[8] 23 December

In some places it is the custom to begin the Greater Antiphons on 16 December. In which case the following antiphon is sung on 23 December :

Ant.
2 D

O Vir-gin of vir-gins,*how shall this be ? For neith-er
be-fore you was an- y like you, nor shall there be af- ter.
Daughters of Je- ru- sa- lem, why do you mar- vel at me ?
The thing which you be- hold is a di- vine mys-ter- y.

THE GREATER ANTIPHONS

[1] 17 December

Ant.
2 D

O Wis-dom, * who came forth from the mouth of the
Most High, reaching from end to end and or-der-ing all things
might-i- ly and sweet-ly : Come and teach us the way of
pru- dence.

[2] 18 December

Ant.
2 D

O A- do- nai, * and Lead-er of the house of Is-
ra- el, who appeared to Mos- es in the flame of the burning
bush, and gave him the law on Si- nai : Come, and with an
out-stretched arm, re- deem us.

[3] 19 December

Ant. 2 D

O Root of Jesse, * who stand for an en- sign of
 the peo-ple, be-fore whom kings shall re-main si-lent, and
 un- to whom the Gen-tiles shall make sup- pli- ca- tion : come
 to de- liv- er us and do not de- lay.

[4] 20 December

Ant. 2 D

O Key of Da-vid, * Scep-ter of the house of Is-
 ra- el, who o- pen, and no one clos- es, who close and
 no one o- pens : come and lead forth from his pris-on the cap-
 tive sit-ting in darkness and in the shad-ow of death.

[5] 21 December

Ant. 2 D

O Dayspring, * brightness of e- ter- nal Light and
 Sun of Jus- tice : Come and en- light- en those who sit in dark-
 ness and in the shad- ow of death.

[6] 22 December

Ant. 2 D

O King of na- tions * and their De- sired, the Cor-
 ner- stone who make both one : come and save man- kind whom
 you fashioned out of clay.