[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-i-or: 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 De-
cember. 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.

Daugh-ters 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.

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THE
GREATER ANTIPHONS

[1] 17 December

Ant.
2 D

O Wis-dom,* who came forth from the mouth of the

Most High, rea-ching 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 burn-ing

bush, and gave him the law on Si-nai: Come, and with an

out-stretched arm, re-deem us.
[3] 19 December

Ant.

O Root of Jesse, * who stand for an ensign of
the people, before whom kings shall remain silent, and
unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: come
to deliver us and do not delay.

[4] 20 December

Ant.

O Key of David, * Scepter of the house of Israel,
who open, and no one closes, who close and
no one opens: come and lead forth from his prison the captive sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

[5] 21 December

Ant.

O Dayspring, * brightness of eternal Light and
Sun of Justice: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

[6] 22 December

Ant.

O King of nations * and their Desired, the Cornerstone who make both one: come and save mankind whom you fashioned out of clay.