

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord / Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and
My spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Savior. For He hath regarded the
Humility of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all
Generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath done great
Things to me, and holy is His Name.
And His Mercy is from generation unto
Generations upon them that fear Him.

He hath shewed might in His arm, He
hath scattered the proud in the conceit
of their heart. He hath put down the
mighty from their seat, and hath
exalted the humble. He hath filled the
hungry with good things, and the rich
He hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel, His servant,
being mindful of His mercy. As He
to our Fathers, Abraham and
spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and
his seed forever.

The *O* Antiphons are the source of the lyrics of the Advent song
“Veni, veni Emmanuel” (“Come, O come Emmanuel”). It would be
beautiful for the family to sing this lovely Advent song at the conclusion
of the *O* Antiphons.

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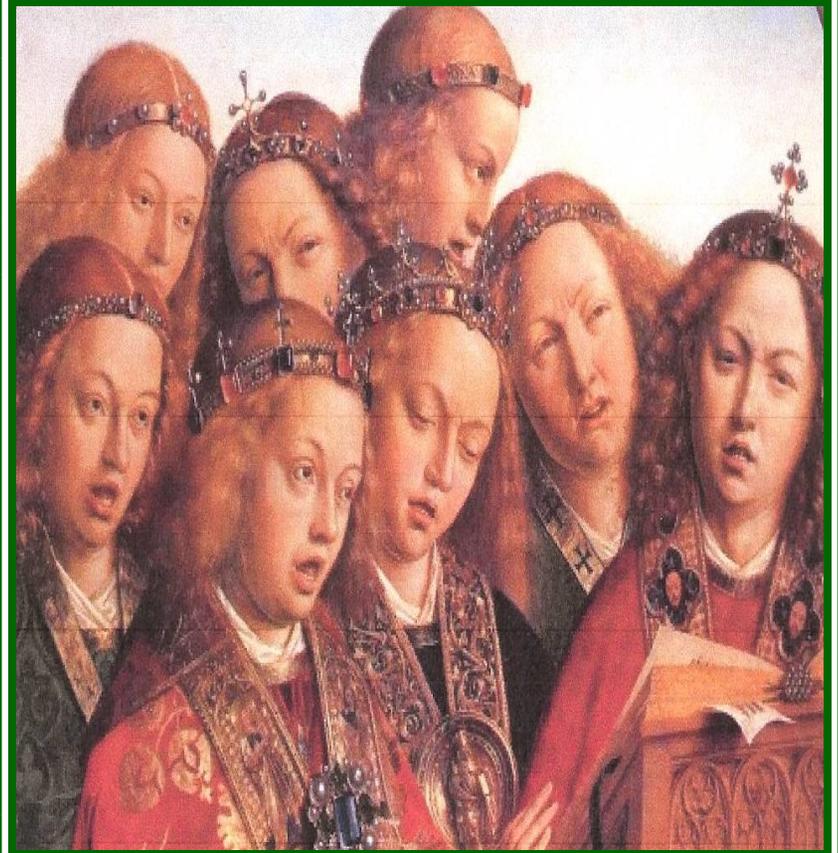
Magnificat anima mea Dominum, et
exultavit spiritus meus in Deo
Salvatore meo, quia respexit
Humilitatem ancillae suae.

Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generations, quia fecit mihi
magna, qui potens est, et sanctum
Nomen eius, et misericordia eius in
Progenies et progenies timentibus
Eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,
dispersit superbos mente cordi sui;
deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit
humiles; esurientes implevit bonis et
divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum,
recordantus misericordiae, sicut spoke
locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham
et Semini eius in saecula

O Antiphons in *English and Latin*



*“O Come,
O come Emmanuel”*

*The seven “**O Antiphons**” (also called the “Greater Antiphons” or “Major Antiphons”) are prayers that come from the Breviary’s Vespers during the Octave *before* Christmas Eve, a time which is called the “Golden Nights.”

Each Antiphon begins with “**O**” and addresses Jesus with a unique title which comes from the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah (Micah), and whose initials, when read backwards, form an acrostic for the Latin “Ero Cras” which means “Tomorrow I come.” Those titles for Christ are:

Sapientia; Adonai; Radix Jesse; Clavis David; Oriens; Rex Gentium; Emmanuel

These glorious titles in more detail:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC VERSES:</u>
Sapientia	Wisdom	Isaiah 28:29 This also is come forth from the Lord God of hosts, to make his counsel wonderful, and magnify justice.
Adonai	Lord of Israel	Isaiah 33:22 For the Lord as our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king: he will save us.
Radix Jesse	Root of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root.
Clavis David	Key of David	Isaiah 22:22 And I will lay the key of the house of David upon his shoulder: and he shall open, and none shall shut: and he shall shut, and none shall open.
Oriens	Radiant Dawn, Dayspring	Isaiah 9:2 The people that walked in darkness, have seen a great light: to them that dwelt in the region of the shadow of death, light is risen.
Rex Gentium	King of all Nations	Isaiah 9:7 His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace: he shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom; to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and for ever; the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
Emmanuel	God with us	Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Below are the **O Antiphons** in English and Latin. One is prayed each evening at Vespers time (around sunset), and families can make up their own ceremonies using the Antiphons, Scripture, by singing or listening to sacred music (especially “O Come, Emmanuel”), adding to their Jesse Trees, etc. Whatever you do, set the scene, as you should with all Catholic family devotions: burn incense, lower the lights, light candles, use sacred music at appropriate times, meaningful symbols, etc.

To pray the **O Antiphons** as they are prayed in the Divine Office, begin with the Antiphon, then pray the Magnificat (included below), then repeat the Antiphon. It would be wonderful if one parent can chant, or at least read, the Antiphons in Latin, with the second parent reading them in the vernacular afterwards.

December 17: O Wisdom that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence!

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

December 18: O Adonai, and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm!

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

December 19: O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry.

Latin: O Radix Jesse, qui stas in signum populorum, super quem continenbunt reges os suum, quem Gentes deprecabuntur: veni ad liberandum nos, jam noli tardare.

December 20: O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

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

December 21: O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Son of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Latin: O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumine sedentes intenebris, et umbra mortis.

December 22: O King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth!

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

December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Our Law-giver, longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God!

Latin: O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, exspectatio gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos domine Deus noster.