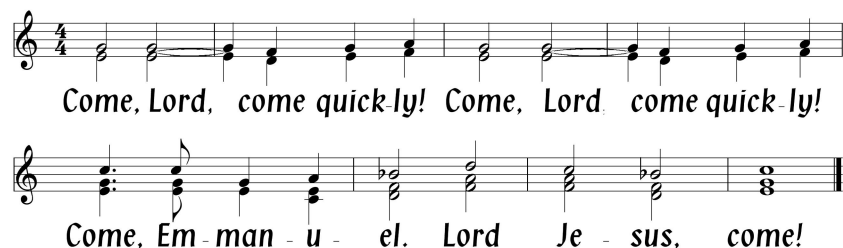


The “O” Antiphons

O blessed Wisdom,
coming towards us on the breath of God,
seeping into every crack and corner of the world
with strength and gentleness to order everything just right:
Come now and show us the way to health and wholeness.



O blessed Adonai
hope of God’s people,
you made yourself known to Moses in a burning bush,
and let him in on life’s best secrets:
Come now, take us into your confidence as well.

Come Lord, come quickly . . .

O blessed Root of Jesse,
budding from a dead branch as a sign of hope for everyone;
the leaders of the world will stand in amazement at you,
and all their people as well:
Come quickly to deliver us from the rottenness of our politics.

Come Lord, come quickly . . .

O blessed Key of David,
true Pastor of all God’s people,
you open doors that no-one can close,

and close doors that no-one can open:
Come now to set the prisoners free,
all those who live in darkness and despair.

Come Lord, come quickly . . .

O Radiant Dawn,
glory and beauty of God’s own face,
eternal Sun of justice and peace:
Come now to shine for everyone
who lives in the shadow of death.

Come Lord, come quickly . . .

O blessed Shepherd of all the world,
desire of every people and nation,
you are the heartbeat of our fragile humanity:
Come now to save us,
we whom you formed from the dust of the earth.

Come Lord, come quickly . . .

O blessed Emmanuel,
rightful ruler and giver of the secrets of life,
desire of every heart and saviour of the world:
Come now to make us your children,
for you are our God, the Lord of all.

Come Lord, come quickly . . .

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