



[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



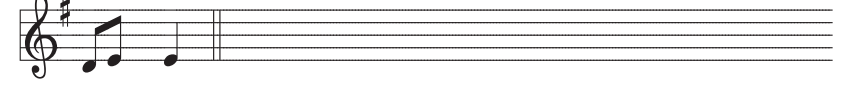
O Wis-dom, * who came forth from the mouth of the



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 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. 2 D 
O Key of David, * Scepter of the house of Is-

rael, who open, and no one closes, who close and

no one opens : come and lead forth from his prison the cap-

tive sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

[5] 21 December

Ant. 2 D 
O Dayspring, * brightness of eternal Light and

Sun of Justice : Come and enlighten those who sit in dark-

ness and in the shadow of death.

[6] 22 December

Ant. 2 D 
O King of nations * and their Desired, the Cor-

ner-stone who make both one : come and save mankind whom

you fashioned out of clay.