

**Note:** *The APS proposal suggests projecting the Messianic titles celebrated in the Great “O” Antiphons upon a screen at once, on the one hand, less restricted to the evening office from 17-24 December and, on the other hand, less condensed than in their familiar Advent/Christmas hymn “O come, O come, Emmanuel” form. The proposal is consistent with the rule that all Sundays are feasts of Christ and meant to be celebrations of the Paschal Mystery.*

*For congregations using the classic four-fold eucharistic ordo of the Sunday (gathering, word, table, sending) these collects/theme prayers will find their placement as the last item in the “Gathering Rite” and form a transition to the “Liturgy of the Word.” For congregations using a typical protestant order of service, these collects are intended for use as the last item in the “Call to Worship”, just prior to the readings from Holy Scripture.*

## COLLECTS FOR AN EXPANDED ADVENT SEASON

### **Advent I:** *Sapientia Sunday*

Eternal God, your Word of wisdom goes forth and does not return empty: Grant us such knowledge and love of you that we may perceive your presence in all creation and every creature; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Advent II:** *Adonai Sunday*

O Lord our God, you gave your law that righteousness might abound: Put it into our hearts to love justice for others as much as we desire it for ourselves, that, as we know you to be our judge, so we may welcome your reign as it is manifested through Jesus Christ our savior; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Advent III:** *Rex Gentium (Christ the King) Sunday* [collect as is, Proper 29, BCP, 1979]

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Advent IV: Radix Jesse Sunday**

Almighty God, you brought forth a royal branch from the ancient stock of Jesse's line: Grant that we who have been grafted into this heritage may bear fruit worthy of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Advent V: Clavis David Sunday**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ opened wide gate of heaven, making plain the way that leads to eternal joy: Grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised to new life may strive courageously for the freedom and peace of the world; through the same your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Advent VI: Oriens Sunday**

Lord Jesus Christ, in your resurrection you appeared as the Morning Star that knows no setting: Dawn upon the darkness of the human heart so that the deathly orders of this world may be overcome and your whole creation made new; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Advent VII: Emmanuel Sunday**

Eternal God, you do not abandon us in exile but hear our plea for returning and rest: Visit us we pray with your presence and raise us to greet with hope and joy the promised day of salvation; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

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A Note on the Scriptural Bases for the "O" Antiphons:

<i>Sapientia</i>	(Wisdom)	Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 1:4; Gospel of John 1
<i>Adonai</i>	(Lord)	Isaiah 6:3; 1 Corinthians 2:8
<i>Rex gentium</i>	(King of nations)	Psalm 99:1, 4; Revelation 11:15, 15:3
<i>Radix Jesse</i>	(Root of Jesse)	Isaiah 11:1; Romans 15:12
<i>Clavis David</i>	(Key of David)	Isaiah 22:22; Revelation 3:7
<i>Oriens</i>	(Morning Star)	Isaiah 60:3, Hosea 6:3; Gospel of Luke 1:78
<i>Emmanuel</i>	(God with us)	Isaiah 7:14; Gospel of Matthew 1:23