

Matthew 1
The Hopes and Fears of All The Years
Advent and the Past

Sermon Notes for December 2, 2007 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Introduction – Advent and the Cross of Life
The O Antiphons and O Come, O come Emmanuel

I. Advent and Preparation

II. The Four Gospels, Ezekiel 1:10, Rev. 4:7

III. Advent and the Fulfillment of Hopes

IV. Advent and Fear

An Expanded Form of the “O” Antiphons with Spoken Reflections or Homilies

ANTIPHON ONE: O WISDOM (Sapientia)

LEADER: O Wisdom,

ALL: **O holy Word of God (Sir. 24:3), you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care (Wisd. of Sol. 8:1). Come and show your people the way to salvation (Isa. 40:3–5a).**

LEADER: Behold, the Name of the Lord comes from afar.

ALL: **Let the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

ALL SING **O Come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily,
To us the path of knowledge show;
And teach us in her ways to go,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

ANTIPHON TWO: O LORD (Adonai)

LEADER: O Lord of ancient Israel, Exod. 6:2–3),

ALL: **Who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush (Exod. 3:2), who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: O come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free (Exod. 6:6).**

LEADER: Prepare the way of the Lord, Alleluia!

ALL: **Make his paths straight, Alleluia!**

ALL SING **O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

ANTIPHON THREE: O STOCK OF JESSE (Radix Jesse)

LEADER: O Stock of Jesse,

ALL: **You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples (Isa. 11:10; Rom. 15:12); kings stand silent in your presence (Isa. 5:15); the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid (Hab. 2:3; Heb. 10:37).**

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem.

ALL: **Behold, your king comes.**

ALL SING **O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on Thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

ANTIPHON FOUR: O KEY OF DAVID (Clavis David)

LEADER: O Key of David and Scepter of Israel,

ALL: O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven (Is. 22:22; Rev. 3:7): come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom (Is. 42:7; Ps. 107:14; Lk 1:79).

LEADER: Come, Lord, and make no delay.

ALL: Loosen the bonds of your people Israel.

ALL SING O come, O Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

ANTIPHON FIVE: O DAYSPRING (Oriens)

LEADER: O Rising Sun,

ALL: O Day-Spring (Isa. 58:8), splendor of eternal light (Heb. 1:3), sun of justice (Mal. 4:2): come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death (Luke 1:78–79; Isa. 9:2).

LEADER: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined.

ALL: Our God shall come, Alleluia!

ALL SING O come, O Dayspring from on High,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

ANTIPHON SIX: O KING OF NATIONS (Rex Gentium)

LEADER: O King whom all the peoples desire,

ALL: O the only joy of every human heart (Hag. 2:8); O Keystone (Isa. 28:16) of the mighty arch of man (Eph. 2:14): come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust (Gen. 2:7).

LEADER: Behold, the Lord shall come with all his saints with him. Alleluia!

ALL: And in that day the light shall be great. Alleluia!

ALL SING O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

ANTIPHON SEVEN: O EMMANUEL (Emmanuel)

LEADER: O Emmanuel, (Isa. 7:14, 8:8),

ALL: O king and lawgiver (Isa. 33:22), desire of the nations (Gen. 49:10), Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

LEADER: Drop down, O heavens, from above and let the skies pour down righteousness.

ALL: Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

ALL SING O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

ERO CRAS "Tomorrow, I will be (come)."

“Advent and the Past” Kids Outline

1. How many gospels are there? _____
2. What are the four faces of the cherubim in Ezekiel?

3. Which face does Pastor link the gospel of Matthew with?

4. What OT office does this match with? _____
5. This office preserves and celebrates the _____.
6. Our _____ do this too.
7. Jesus came to _____ God's promises.
8. God had promised to _____ for our sins.
9. God had promised to put the world to _____.
10. God had promised to save bring out _____
11. God had promised to _____ His and our enemies.
12. God promised to have a _____ become the ruler of the world.
13. God promised to bring the Gentiles to Mount _____
14. Living right in the present means remembering the _____.
15. We begin _____ for Christmas by remembering what God did at Bethlehem.