O ANTIPHON PRAYER SERVICE

Leader:
During the holy season of Advent we are asked to reflect on the fulfillment of the Promise. The prophets of the Old Testament prepared the people for the coming of the Messiah with their teachings, admonitions and encouragements. The longing and the expectation of the people are reflected in the O Antiphon prayers. We are gathered to remember their hopes and their fears. We join together in prayer to honor the long-awaited Messiah. During this prayer service, anyone who has an O Antiphon ornament may place it on the tree during the reflection on that antiphon.

Reader:
O Wisdom! O Sapientia!
All:
O come, O Wisdom of our God Most High, Who guides creation with power and love. Come, teach us to walk in the paths of prudence and knowledge. Amen.
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Reader:
O Lord! O Adonai!
All:
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Reader:
O Stump of Jesse!
All:
O come, Flower of Jesse’s Stem, Sign of God’s love for all people. Come, Root of Jesse, deliver us without delay. Amen.
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Reader:
O Key of the House of David!

All:
O come, Key of David, Heir of the House of Israel. Come, open the gates of God’s eternal kingdom. Amen.
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Reader:
O Dayspring from on High!
All:
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Reader:
O King of All Nations!
All:
O come, Desire of All Nations, Source of Church unity and the cornerstone that binds. Come, save all people, the work of Your creation. Amen.
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Reader:
O Emmanuel!
All:
O come, Emmanuel, God-With-Us, Our King and our Judge. Come, save us, O Lord, our God. Amen.
(Reflection followed by the singing of one stanza, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.)
Leader:
Sacred Lord of all, You have come to us out of the Root of Jesse and the royal family of David. You have come to live among us that we may become part of the divine plan of salvation for peoples of all nations. You are our Key to salvation. You are the source of all Wisdom and the Son of Justice. You are God in our midst forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Song