

Each antiphon has a visual and a prayer poem for reflection. Each illustration has the original antiphon and its scriptural sources on the back.



**O WISDOM,**  
 • we live in your embrace,  
 • in vast night freckled with stars  
 • and hints of you  
 • that haunt our solitude,  
 • that writhe untamed  
 • in the work of every birth

We spin with Earth,  
 allemande our sun,  
 turning toward light  
 in the spill of stars  
 holding and letting go  
 shining and imploding  
 in invisible dance

Mother womb of all becoming,  
 in you star dust lives and breathes  
 slithers, trots, hops, runs,  
 born of watery chaos  
 and the mystery of trees  
 making air of light

You are the whole  
 that lives in every part,  
 the circle in which we dance,  
 the relentless summons to communion  
 in which we sleep and wake.



**O WISDOM,** you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, you ordered all things mightily and sweetly. Come, teach us the way of prudence.  
 Magnificat Antiphon for Vespers, December 17

**SCRIPTURE SOURCES**  
 I came forth from the mouth of the most high and covered the earth like a mist (Sirach 24:30).  
 Wisdom reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other and orders all things well (Wisdom 8:1).



# Praying the Advent Names of God

Self-standing easel

