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The O Antiphons



Wisdom, Who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, mightily reaching out from end to end, and ordering all things sweetly: come to teach us the way of prudence!

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Sa-pi-énti-a, * quae ex óre Altíssimi prodí-
sti, attingens a fine usque ad fínem, fórti-ter su-ávi-
ter disponénsque ómni- a : véni ad docéndum nos
ví-am prudénti-ae.

WISDOM is the highest kind of knowledge we can have. To have wisdom means seeing and understanding things as God sees and understands things. It takes God's point of view, and not a human point of view. *"I have filled him with the spirit of God, with wisdom and understanding"* (Exodus 31:3). For God's way of thinking is not our way of thinking: *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts: nor your ways my ways, saith the Lord"* (Isaias 55:8). The Bible says that there is a devilish wisdom and a human wisdom, but these are not of God: *"Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?"* (1 Cor. 1:20). Wisdom always looks to the final end of all things and why all things were made—they were made by God and for God. Wisdom teaches us to be prudent. Prudence means using the things of this world in such a wise way, that they lead us to our final end in Heaven. But if we are not wise and prudent, we will use the things of this world in such a bad way that they will end up leading us to Hell. The choice is ours, let us choose wisely. Jesus is the Eternal Wisdom of God, the wise Word of God, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. By following the Wisdom of Christ, we will save our souls.