

December 18th

The O Antiphons



O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, Who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the Law upon Sinai: come to redeem us with Thy outstretched arm!

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Adoná- i, * et Dux dómus Isra-el, qui Mó-y-
si in igne flámmæ rúbi apparu-í-sti, et é- i in
Sína légem dedí-sti: véni ad red-iméndum nos in
bráchi-o exténto.

ADONAI is the word for “Lord” or “Master” as in the lord or master of the house; except here it refers to God, Who is an even greater master; being the Master, the Maker and Ruler of, not only the house of Israel, but the house of the whole Universe. Everything is made by Him and belongs to Him: all persons, places and things. Sometimes we forget that we are living in His house or world; breathing His air; eating His food; drinking His water; being looked after by His providence. Most people are so caught up in themselves that they fail to see this and fail to give thanks to the Lord of lords for all His kindness, mercy and generosity. Most people act as though *they* own the world; as though *they* control their lives and those of others; they, like Adam and Eve, want to become gods unto themselves. When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush, God’s people were making themselves a golden calf to worship in place of God. Do we have a golden calf? Fun? Games? Toys? TV? Money? Pleasure? Power? Entertainment? Do we prefer the world to rule us, rather than God? Let us ask God to rescue us from the world and burn His law into our hearts.