

fool for Thy sake! The first to walk that way, Thou Thyself, didst give the example, for Thy wisdom is pleased to second Thy love. It became the folly of the Cross and the annihilation of the Eucharist!

Come, *O Adonai*, redeem us in the strength of Thy arm! Our life is a long combat. Travellers to the Promised Land, before conquering it by our struggles and victories, we are surrounded by enemies. But if Thou art with us. O powerful Protector of Israel, who can hurt us?

Come, *O Root of Jesse*! come, deliver us, and delay not. O Thou who dost plant the Eucharist in our souls, come bear flowers and fruit therein. Make of it a garden inclosed in which Thou canst take Thy delights, and whose fruits, the old and the new, will be all for Thee.

*O Key of David*! come and take out of prison the captive seated in the darkness and the shadow of death. O Jesus, break the chains of so many unfortunate souls who are the victims of Satan, of their own passions and sins. Break, also, the thousand bonds that hold fast our own poor souls, and hinder them from flying to Thee.

Come, *O King of the Gentiles*! Reign by Thy Sacrament of Love. Hasten, Lord, for it is growing late. The nations, trembling and in distress, have no hope but in Thee!

Come, *O Emmanuel*! it is Thou whom our souls need. Thou hast made them too great and too noble for anything here below to satisfy. O Jesus, the divine torments them, eternity attracts them, the thirst after love and happiness devours them! Come, fill up all these abysses by filling us with Thyself, and with Thyself alone!

*Practice.*—During the holy time of Advent, multiply your spiritual Communions.

*Aspirations.*—Come, Jesus, delay not!

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