

O RADIX

O Radix (Root) antiphon No 3 of O Advent Antiphons

O root of the genealogical tree of Jesse

Jesse of Bethlehem

Who

When

Where

What name means as with Jesus

I AM !!!

That is

I exist

I am real

I am now

Was and always to be

Being leading to the

Advent the coming of Christ

5 minutes silence in contemplation

Date for Jesse about 1000 BC

Father of David

King of Israel

Following Saul + one

Succeeded by Solomon

Around 950 BC for David

So the tree itself

From Jesse to Jesus

Yields around 30 generations

3 per century

All establishing the reality

The I am

The I exist

And offering the

I am coming

In advent

5 minutes silence

The hymn

6th century

**O Root of Jesse,
standing as a sign among the peoples,
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer,
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.**

Plenty to think about here

To interpret

The first line asserts the root is the significant element

Of understanding

Something from which everything will grow

the tree itself alluding to

the tree of life

the tree of knowledge

The second line speaks to

the people the social

the communist elements of life

Next kings themselves will

defer to the tree and its ways

being of Jesse David and Jesus

a king of the non-world

The fourth line indicates how

the nations will end and yield

to the world to come of Christ Himself

Finally a plea for
this to come and save
the world from its
strife and conflict
offering it is hoped
peace caring and sharing
as solutions

7 minutes silence

The Hebrew names of

Jesse

And Jesus

I have long speculated are rooted in the words

“I am”

This is just a personal theory

But I like the existentialism of it

Jesus Christ

Therefore becomes

I am the Christ

The anointed

The chosen

Son of God on Earth

So the tree of Jesse depicted frequently in art

And in poetry is an assertion of the

Reality of the faith in Christ

The I am who I am

I therefore

Exist

I am real

What is real is the question of life

Does anything exist at all

5 minutes silence

Closing prayer

Dear God we assert our life

And our prayer to you

In the hope of Christ's fulfilment

In the coming advent of this year

Thank you

Amen

Reference to the Tree of Jesse in the Old Testament

Isaiah	chapter	11
	verses	1-2
	verse	10

“And there shall come forth a rod (shoot) out of the stem (stump) of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord;”

“And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious.”