



The Advent Wreath.

The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, who is eternity and endless mercy; the green speaks of the hope we have in God, of renewal, newness and eternal life; the candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus and our continued journey towards Christmas; the four outer candles represent the four weeks of waiting and preparation, which in turn symbolise the four centuries between the prophet Malachi and the Birth of Christ.

The first candle - the candle of HOPE, or the “Prophet’s candle”, reminds us of the hope we have in Christ, the hope that the prophets spoke of.

Collect

Come, O come Emmanuel,
you are the way, the truth and the life;
you are the true vine and the bread of life.
Come, living Saviour,
come to your world which waits for you.
Amen.

Reflection questions:

- What kind of activities does your bucket list contain?
- Do you expect the Lord to return in your lifetime? Why or why not?
- How well are you prepared for his return?
- What would you like him to find in you either at his return or when you die?

