The Advent season begins
the fourth Sunday before Christmas
and runs through Christmas Eve.
Each day in Advent, often at the main meal,
the candles are lit: one candle the first week,
two the second, three the third (pink)
and all four during the last
week, through Christmas Eve.
Each lighting is accompanied by a blessing,
a scriptural reading and the singing of a verse
from "O' come, O' come, Emmanuel."
A different member of the family, usually starting
with the father, leads the ceremony and lights
the candles each evening.

BLESSING

May the wreath and its light be a sign
of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-2 "The people who walked in the darkness
have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land
of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them
abundant joy and great rejoicing."

HYMN

"O' come, O' come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God
appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come
to you, O' Israel.

The Jesse Tree Family Advent Wreath

Abbey + CA GIFT

Jesse was the father of David,
who was blessed by the prophets
to establish a royal family. One thousand
years later, Jesus was born
of this royal line in Bethlehem.
The Jesse Tree is the family tree of Jesus.
This Advent Wreath tells the story
of His lineage through symbols
and readings from Scripture, one for
each day of Advent.
What better way to observe Advent
and prepare for Christmas than
to celebrate the heritage of Jesus?