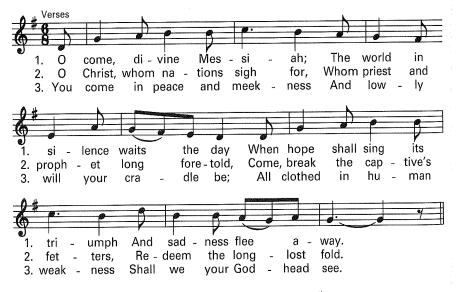
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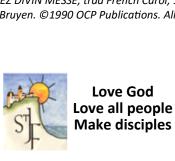
**Gathering Hymn** 



## O Come, Devine Messiah



Music VENEZ DIVIN MESSE, trad French Carol, 16<sup>th</sup> cent.;arr by Randall DeBruyen. ©1990 OCP Publications. All rights reserved





### The Candles of the Advent Wreath

The lighting of an <u>Advent Wreath</u> is a traditional custom that originated in Germany in the 16th-century. On the branches of the wreath are <u>four candles</u>: three purple and one pink candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle.

1st Sunday of Advent



On the **first Sunday of Advent**, the first purple (or violet) candle is lit. This is called the "Prophecy Candle" and recalls the prophets, particularly <u>Isaiah</u>, who foretold the <u>birth of Jesus Christ</u>. It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah.

## Responsorial Psalm 25

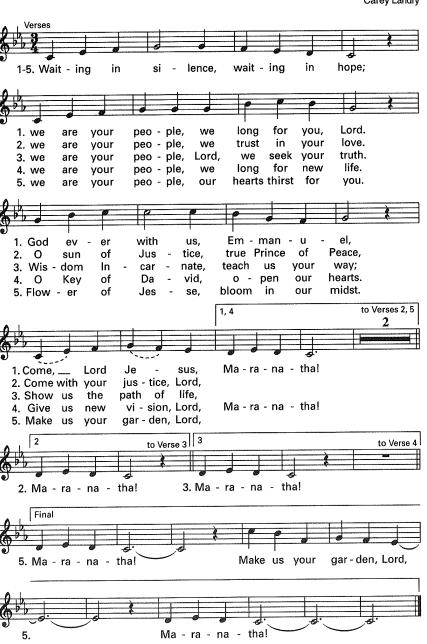


**Gospel** Luke 21:25-28,34-36



# **Waiting in Silence**

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