

**“Come, Holy Spirit” – Week Three
Spirit of Peace ~ Contemplation**

A. The Presence of God in the Holy Spirit

1. the immediate and ongoing movement of God in our lives personally, in the human community, in the whole creation (Acts 17:22-28)
2. *Paraclete* (Greek) ‘one called alongside’ – defined (*from BDAG Greek Lectionary*)
 - a. as a legal technical term, as one who appears on another's behalf *advocate, defender, intercessor* – e.g., John 14:16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Acts 4:1-31
 - b. as one who gives protection, help, and security *helper, comforter, counselor* – e.g., 2 Corinthians 5:1-7, 1 John 3:18-24, Romans 5:1-5

B. The Peace of God in the Holy Spirit

1. *peace – shalom* (Hebrew), health, welfare, wholeness; *eirene* (Greek), inner rest, harmony, reconciliation – *peace*, state of tranquility, freedom from disturbance
2. the Spirit gives peace – e.g., John 14:25-27, Ephesians 2:13-22, Philippians 2:1-11

A. Practicing the Presence of the Holy Spirit

1. contemplative prayer – “a receptive posture of openness toward God” (Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 211) – “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)
2. contemplative living – being and doing – 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
 - a. “What God gets out of our lives – indeed, what we get out of our lives – is simply the person we become.” – Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 250
 - b. “The love in you – which is the Spirit in you – always somehow says yes. Love is not something you do; love is someone you are. It is your True Self. Love is where you came from and love is where you’re going.” – Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance*, 193

D. ‘*Let It Be*’ – Mary’s response (Luke 1:38) and The Beatles’ song