

December 8, 2019

**Welcome into this time together.
In the first centuries the Church had a beautiful custom of praying prayers calling afresh on Christ to come each week during Advent. Here is one of those prayers.**

Ο Σοφία,
που έρχεται από το στόμα του Υψίστου,
φτάνοντας από το ένα άκρο προς το άλλο δυνατά,
και παραγγέλνοντας γλυκά όλα τα πράγματα:
Ελάτε να μας διδάξετε το δρόμο της σύνεσης.

O Wisdom,
coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other mightily,
and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

This week's Advent candle, the Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Preparation, reminds us of the modest site of Jesus' birth. A bold statement showing that God does great and wonderful things from the most humble beginnings.

Host: Chris Giambelluca

Worship Leaders: Justin Williamson and Chris Giambelluca

Music from this week:

God I Look To You [*Battistelli*]; It Came Upon A
Midnight Clear [*Traditional*]; Love Came Down At
Christmas [*High Street Hymns*]; Your Glory [*All
Sons And Daughters*]

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A Way in The Manger: Christ Is the Way to Peace

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Luke 1:26-38

Discovering the peace we long for...

1. Peace is not dependent on _____

2. Peace is _____ in God's _____
(*Ephesians 1:4-5*)

3. Peace is found in surrender (*John 15: 4, 9*)

For Further Reflection:

As you go through your week, take a few minutes each day to remind yourself of God's deep love (favor) for you. As you think about the birth of Jesus, remember that he came because God loves you more than you can comprehend. Rest in that love. Make your home there. That is where you will find the peace your soul longs for.