

**19 APRIL 2020 – LOCKDOWN DAY 24**

**LAUNCH OF #SUNDAYS IN YELLOW**

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARGARET B. VERTUE**

**TO OUR BELOVED YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY**

I greet you with Joy and Hope in my heart.

Haleluya: u Krestu uvukile. iNkosi mayibe nani

Halleluja! Christus het opgestaan. Mag die Here met u wees

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord be with you.

We turn to Isaiah 52:1-3, 7-11 in our Bibles.

We don our yellow/geel/lubhelo today/vandag/namhlanje.

We wake up to the promise of Hope and consolation (Isa 52:1-3, 7-11)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messengers (young people) who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, *“Your God reigns”*. Break forth into joy! (Isa 52:7-9).

Thanks/Dankie/Enkosi young people for calling us to wake up and rejoice and dress up with yellow for the celebration of Hope and Joy. We are not crushed and beaten people, we are beloved children of God.

This lock down will end and we will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, *“Free at last, Free at last, Great God a-mighty, we are free at last.”*

**Let us pray:**

God, source of all life, love, hope and joy, free us from the tombs in which our fears, past hurts and the global pandemic of Covid 19 imprison us, and draw us into the light of your love, hope and joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*I am, because we are, because God is ... Opening hearts to heal God's world.*

I love and appreciate you dear young people. Stay home. Stay safe. Stay Strong.