

LOCKDOWN DAY 68 – 2 JUNE 2020

Molweni dearly beloved family and friends of False Bay Diocese,

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 Hymn: *Come down, O love divine*

We thank God for another beautiful day in the Cape. At this time of the year, I make it a habit to look into the face of the bright Morning Star, which appears in the sky just before sunrise. For me, it is like looking into the face of God. Maranatha! Come, Save us, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia! Come down, O love divine, visit these hearts of thine.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down and we celebrate the birth of the church. People of every tongue, **every language**, every culture become the children of God through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit turns us into God's own people. That same Spirit that came upon the disciples on that first Pentecost, has come down upon us.

The Spirit is the **language** of God.

We so often do not understand each other. We filter what people are saying. What the speaker says is not necessarily received in the way the speaker intended. We can miss the message. Words can deceive us. Words can fail us. When tragedy strikes, words utterly fail us. Covid 19 has a **language** of its own ... Covid 19 compliant, social distancing, hand washing, wear cloth masks

Besides spoken words, there are other **languages**. There is **body language**.

Spiritual language is deeper than **body language**, deeper than the **language** of the tongue. The **language** of the Spirit **transcends** body language. The Spirit connects with God in a way that goes beyond words. God gives us his Spirit to enable us to speak to the divine, to connect with God. The Spirit of God makes us witnesses of the Gospel. We are continually speaking to God spiritually, whether we are aware of it or not.

The **language** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, long suffering, charity, chastity, gentleness. It is a **language** that is visible.

These things speak louder and more powerfully than the **sounds** from our **mouths** and our **gestures**. When the Spirit takes hold of us, we speak God's language according to God's plan.

It is our soul connecting to the very source of our lives. Taking over our essence, our hearts. Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming.

The heat of the Spirit of God **enters** and burns away all traces of weakness, transforms and burns away all traces of darkness. Spirit language transforms our flaws, our own limitations, feelings, our sinfulness. Gifts are many but always the same Spirit. Spirit language works differently in each person. Discover and ask God to reveal to you for what good purpose you are to use the Spirit of God within you? Life has a deeper meaning.

When all of us learn to use the language of the Spirit and use the gifts of the Spirit, we will reveal to the world that we are the Body of Christ working together to renew the face of the earth. We then truly become God's missionaries. God teaches us not through words but by taking over our very essence. Transformation of our very essence.

The Spirit sees beyond the physical. We pray that God will once more send his **Spirit language** into our lives, where heart speaks to heart, where soul speaks to soul. At Pentecost we are given gifts for a purpose. We are Spiritual Warriors, particularly in this time of Covid 19 lockdown. I pray that each and all of us will allow the Spirit language of God to become active, alive in us all. As we are filled with the joy of the Spirit, we will speak joy into the joyless world of Covid 19.

Allow the Spirit of God to reveal to you who you need to **reach out** to today.

We pray that we as the Body of Christ, will become powerful speakers of the **language of the Spirit**; That we will discover our true and deep purpose in life; that we will by the Grace of God become powerful Spiritual and Prayer Warriors for God. We pray for the Healing Spirit of God to enter into all of our lives today and the lives of those known and unknown to us, wherever they are. We place our beloved dead into the hands of God where they receive eternal happiness. Pray or sing the magnificent hymn. Amen

I am, Because we Are, Because God is ... Opening hearts to heal God's world. *Come down, O love divine!*