



DOVE OF PEACE

CCND Thy Kingdom Come Reflection

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ENTER

The peace that God brings to us is utterly different from any peace that is offered by the world around us. We often forget this and seem to settle for less than God has for us, or confuse it with ease or lack of difficulty.

In what particular areas of your life and the wider world do these words of Jesus speak to this day? *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'* [John 14:27]

HEAR

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased.

Luke 3:21-22

HEAR

"Only in the account of Jesus baptism does the Holy Spirit appear in the form of a dove. But of course, we bring in all the mentions of the peace that is ours in the Spirit. In our imaginations, this dove of peace is usually a brilliant white spotless creature. However, Luke uses the word for a different type of dove; a rock dove. A rock dove is of nondescript colour and is so named because it lays its eggs in the inner recesses of caves and dark places. The picture we see is of the Holy Spirit as the one who brings life in the deepest and darkest recesses of our life. This is the peace of God. Coming into our deepest and most hidden places, the inaccessible places, and there bringing, creating and generating peace."

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RESPOND

- In what places do I need the Spirit of Peace in my own life?
- Where in the world do we want the Spirit of Peace to affect peace?
- How might I become more of a vessel for God's peace in the world?



PRAY

Cause Your Holy Spirit to be so deeply implanted within our lives, that we might know and be instruments of Your peace.

We pray for peace in our world and an end to the horrors of war. We also pray for our leaders, that they may have the courage to take meaningful steps towards nuclear disarmament.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. - Amen