



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Wednesday 14th January

Dove



Scripture: **Genesis 8: 8-11**

Then he (Noah) sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

Reflection

We see doves in several places in the Bible. Being sent from the Ark by Noah to see if the flood waters had subsided and it being safe for Noah and his family to disembark. Doves as a sacrificial offering in the temple. We see a Dove - the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism. What appearance of a dove in the Bible resonates most with you?

To Listen

Holy Spirit/The Dove by SEU Worship and *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (trad. or by John Rutter)