



**Closing of the jubilee year
of the Lumière of Pentecost
of Saint Louise de Marillac**

June 4, 2024

Opening hymn

1. Viens, Esprit du Dieu vivant,
Renouvelle tes enfants,
Viens, Esprit Saint, nous brûler de ton feu !
Dans nos cœurs, répands tes dons,
Sur nos lèvres, inspire un chant,
Viens, Esprit Saint, viens transformer nos vies !

R/ Esprit de lumière, Esprit créateur,
Restaure en nous la joie, le feu, l'espérance
Affermis nos âmes, ranime nos cœurs,
Pour témoigner de ton amour immense.

2. Fortifie nos corps blessés,
Lave-nous de tout péché,
Viens, Esprit Saint, nous brûler de ton feu !
Fais-nous rechercher la paix,
Désirer la sainteté,
Viens, Esprit Saint, viens transformer nos vies ! R/

3. Donne-nous la charité
Pour aimer en vérité,
Viens, Esprit Saint, nous brûler de ton feu !
Nous accueillons ta clarté
Pour grandir en liberté,
Viens, Esprit Saint, viens transformer nos vies ! R/

A year has passed since we opened the jubilee year of the Lumière of Pentecost of Saint Louise, a “*Lumière*” that was a turning point in her life and a significant event for the Church. Today, we are closing this jubilee, but for an even greater openness. It is not a question of ending the missionary momentum, the special attention to the breath of the Spirit, the emphasis on community and collaboration that we have experienced, but of pursuing them with even more boldness and trust in Divine Providence.

While the June 4, 1623, experience was personal, its influence touched the life of many people who collaborated directly with Saint Louise and who have followed her down through the centuries. The life of many people, suffering from all forms of material and spiritual poverty, was transformed by it: *“I then understood that I would be in a place where I could help my neighbor but I did not understand how this would be possible since there was to be much coming and going.”*

The Spirit goes beyond all geographic, political and existential borders.

“The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit” (Jn 3:8).

Let us acclaim the Spirit of God who touches, always and everywhere, the heart of our brothers and sisters, the Spirit who makes us one heart and mind, rich in our diversity!

Song

*Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo, omnis, omnis terra!
Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo, omnis, omnis terra!
Servite Domino in laetitia! Servite Domino in laetitia!
Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo, omnis, omnis terra!*

Saint Louise received her Lumière in a moment of prayer, *“during holy Mass or while praying in the church.”* It was in a spirit of recollection that her *“mind was instantly freed of all doubt,”* restoring her confidence to *“remain”* in the commitments she had already made and glimpsing *“a time (that) would come”* and a new path opening before her. It thus in meditating on the Word of God that we, too, turn towards God in order to welcome His will and the path that the Holy Spirit wishes to point out to us.

Jubilee hymn

En un instant, dans la prière
Une rencontre de foi
Dieu l'inonde de sa grâce
Elle a accueilli la Lumière.

Et pressée par la charité
Louise s'est libérée
Christ toujours la guidera
Quelque chose de nouveau est né.

Confiant en Dieu
Son amour en sera le sceau
L'Esprit l'enveloppa
De son amour.

Dieu lui révèle son plan
Elle servira les pauvres
Sa promess' se réalise
Elle a trouvé sa vocation.

Eclaire-nous
Lumière de Dieu
Pour faire ta volonté
Comme Sainte Louise.

Presse-nous
Par la charité
Motivés par ton amour
Tout engagés pour l'humanité.

Viens Esprit-Saint
Envahis-nous
Que l'audace de l'amour
Stimule notre « servir ».

D'autres femmes la rejoindront
Louise l'a si bien compris :
Trouvera, allant et venant
Le sens de sa mission.

La douleur devint amour
L'inquiétude s'est apaisée
L'expérience de la Lumière
A en Louise tout transformé.

Eclaire-nous,
Lumière de Dieu
Pour faire ta volonté
Comme Sainte Louise.

Presse-nous
Par la charité
Motivés par ton amour
Tout engagés pour l'humanité (bis).

Viens Esprit-Saint
Envahis-nous
Que l'audace de l'amour
Stimule notre « servir ».

Psalm 27

Ant: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? *
The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh, +
these my enemies and foes, *
themselves stumble and fall. **Ant.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart does not fear; *
Though war be waged against me, even then do I trust.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: +
to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, *
to gaze on the Lord's beauty, to visit his temple. **Ant.**

For God will hide me in his shelter in time of trouble; +
he will conceal me in the cover of his tent and set me high upon a rock. *
Even now my head is held high above my enemies on every side!

I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; *
I will sing and chant praise to the Lord. **Ant.**

Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

"Come," says my heart, "seek his face"; *
your face, Lord, do I seek! Do not hide your face from me. **Ant.**

Psalm 112

Ant: *Light shines through the darkness for the upright.*

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commands.

His descendants shall be mighty in the land,
a generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house;
his righteousness shall endure forever.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright,
gracious, compassionate, and righteous.

For he shall never be shaken;
the righteous shall be remembered forever.

He shall not fear an ill report;
his heart is steadfast, trusting the Lord.

His heart is tranquil, without fear,
till at last he looks down on his foes.

Lavishly he gives to the poor; +
his righteousness shall endure forever,
his horn shall be exalted in honor. **Ant.**

Gospel according to Saint Matthew (5:14-16)

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Sung response

*Jésus le Christ, lumière intérieure,
Ne laisse pas mes ténèbres me parler.
Jésus le Christ, lumière intérieure,
Donne-moi d'accueillir ton amour.*

Saint Louise wrote her spiritual experience down, giving it the title *Lumière*, in order to carry it with her, to encourage herself in the times of trial that would not be lacking, to constantly have this brilliant light before her eyes. For four centuries, we too have drawn inspiration and strength from this testimony.

The experience itself affirms the importance of accepting accompaniment: “*I was also assured that I should remain at peace concerning my director; that God would give me one, whom He seemed to show me,*” and to respond to God’s calls with others: “*I would be in a small community where others would do the same.*” We understand that we cannot live our baptism, our vocation, the mission entrusted to us, without the help of others and without the guidance offered by their life and witness.

Let us then listen to several testimonies from our day in order to experience the closing of the jubilee year in a spirit of openness to spread the light even further.

The Holy Spirit is at the origin of God’s works, and Saint Louise is a witness of a life transformed by the Spirit. He impelled her to serve those who are destitute, in communion with others.

Let the Spirit, at work in each one of us, touch us by moments of light that have impacted the life of our contemporaries in their own circumstances, and the life of the world.

Testimonies of “light”

1. Father Silas Bada Silas, Priest of the Congregation of the Mission

Silence

Let us pray for vocations.

R/ With you is the fountain of life, and in your light, we see light.

2. Sister Marie Yonide Midy, Daughter of Charity

Let us pray for the respect of each person’s dignity. R/

3. Samuel Perrier

Let us pray for fraternity and peace. R/

4. Vincent Vo Diep

Let us pray for evangelization. R/

5. Sister Amalia Alvarez, Daughter of Charity

Let us pray with and for those who suffer. R/

What about us... What moment of light has marked our life?

Silence

R/ With you is the fountain of life, and in your light, we see light.

Passing on the light

On every continent for a year now, the Daughters of Charity have been giving thanks in communion with each other to celebrate what Saint Louise received from God on June 4, 1623, the Lumière of Pentecost, the foundational text of the Company.

This has been a year of joy and renewal while marked by the acute awareness of having received a spiritual and apostolic inheritance that we should continue to cause to bear fruit. It is the responsibility of each Sister, of each Province, to make sure this light does not go out, as long as God wants it to burn.

Therefore, the closing of the jubilee year is also the opening of another door, that of creative fidelity, missionary momentum to always reach out to our brothers and sisters. With them, it is possible to continue what already exists, to invent other ways of participating in the fight against injustice, poverty and violence.

This light to pass on will allow us to live fraternity together, the fraternity of the Gospel that daily nourishes us and inspires us to constantly open ourselves to others... humbly and simply.

(the light is passed on)

Just as the Virgin Mary bore Jesus in her womb, we received the light of Christ at our Baptism to bring it to the world. In gratitude for this jubilee year and for all that is yet to come, let us sing with Mary of God's wondrous deeds.

Magnificat

*R/ Magnificat, Magnificat
Mon cœur exulte d'allégresse,
Magnificat, Magnificat
Mon cœur exulte d'allégresse.*

*Il s'est penché sur son humble servante
Désormais l'on me dira bienheureuse,
Le Seigneur fit pour moi des merveilles
Saint est son nom. R/*

*Son amour se répand d'âge en âge
Sur tous ceux qui le craignent,
Il déploie l'élan de sa force
Il disperse les superbes. R/*

*Il renverse les grands de leurs trônes
Il élève les humbles,
Il remplit le cœur de ses pauvres
Et déjoue la main des riches. R/*

*Il relève Israël et nos pères
Car il tient ses promesses,
Il bénit Abraham et sa race,
A jamais dans sa tendresse. R/*

Our Father

Solemn blessing

The Father of light sent the Holy Spirit to the heart of the disciples of Christ. He enlightened them so that they might be able to recognize and choose what is good. May this same Spirit help you to discern the needs of your neighbor, next door or the most distant, and the responses to offer. AMEN.

May the Spirit who brought the first Christians and the first Daughters of Charity together with one heart and mind strengthen communion within the communities where you share your life and faith. AMEN.

May the Spirit who filled the disciples with boldness to proclaim the Good News allow you to bring its light where you live and to the ends of the earth. AMEN.

And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

