

April 26

Memory of our sisters killed in Rwanda on April 26, 1994

Proposals for the celebration

1. Anthems :

Christ in whose passion once was sown..... (Bevenot)

Unless a grain of wheat should fall.... (Bernadette Farrell)

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ..... (Lucien Deiss)

2. Psalm 2 (proposal for a martyr celebration by sister Danielle Romet ra)

... follows Ps. 1 : the path of the righteous - the wicked get lost ... but interrogation recurrent: why does evil prosper ?

. Read with two voices : the verse (left) ; meditation (right) - slowly

. Then : the whole community reads the whole of Psalm 2 without interruption.

1 . Why this tumult among nations ...	" Why - Astonishment! agitation - excitement in every way! the Nations are foolish »= that is the whole world with the exception of Israel ...
This vain murmuring of peoples?	Murmur : sounds - it comes out of the void - the " peoples " where the motherlands are "(Chouraqui trad.) - it is a human Construction
2. The kings of the earth stand up, the great ones are plotting among themselves against the LORD and his anointed :	They are a block - they conspire (secretly) for human projects
3. " Come let us break their fetters. Come let us cast off their yoke " !	Break the links - which? the bonds of discipline - the bonds of the covenant ...
4. He who reigns in heaven laughs. the LORD is laughing them to scorn	He laughs in the heavens he who sees everything right through
5. Then he speaks to them furiously and his anger frightens them :	The breath of God responds to the " conspiracy - a breath with infinite force ... why " anger " ? Because his creatures are destroying themselves
6. " I have made my king over Zion , my holy mountain "	Be that as it may, here is the project that holds
7. I proclaim the Lord's decree ! He told me : " You are my son ; today I have begotten you.	A son - so there is a father - an unusual lineage
8. Ask , and I give you as an inheritance the nations the whole earth for a domain	I am ready to give you what? .all the earth as an inheritance And you shall be king of Mount Sion
9. Thou shalt destroy them with thy iron scepter, and smash them like potter's vessel	We will have to tackle it, shake up for the start! the divine project will be fulfilled !
10. Now , kings, understand, reprove yourselves, judges of the earth	It's really time - put all your intelligence to understand (you who are kings), let yourself be reformed (you who are judges)
11. Serve the LORD with fear , give him your tribute trembling.	Reverent fear - and invitation to rejoice, even " exult in trembling» (Chouraqui translation)
12 lest he get angry and you perish for: suddenly his anger will blaze.	" embrace purity, transparency "(Chouraqui trad.) - take the path of the son - otherwise you could lose your way
Happy those that find refuge in him !	Forward, all those who shelter in him !

3. **Video clip** : very beautiful testimony to view in whole or in part

<http://emmanuel.info/actualites/jentrerai-ciel-dansant/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEemPkb-Qr0> :

The exemplary, luminous and tragic journey of a Rwandan couple, Daphrose and Cyprien Rugamba, is presented in an original documentary, co-produced by Saje and KTO. KTOmag allowed us to reproduce here the interview of Hubert de Torcy, Director of Saje and producer

4. **Bridesmaid Poem written by me sister Paul of the Cross, ra, taking in whole or in part, interspersed with the refrain:" there can be no greater love ... " or `Great is his love, love without end' Gelineau**

If I forget you, BIRAMBO,
"Let my tongue cleave to my mouth" (Ps.136,5-6)
When in the last days of November 1954
you opened your doors, all the people of Nyantango applauded you,
and all the women brought you presents.

In your honour, all sorts of cheering resounded.
Since then, many young, poor
and orphans have gone to you.
Houses have been built, works have multiplied.

For 40 years, generation after generation
Of learned women have passed through your hands.
At the time of the great progress of the country,
you invented with them the forward march and promotion
of the Rwandan woman.

Thus, several technical qualities have been developed:
Housewife, workrooms and other Workshops for girls
and women as well as small cooperatives, etc.
During the last years 1960-1994, you maintained Isimbi
to promote the trades for young girls who are not in school.
You founded the School of Youth Animators,
CN and the Health Centre.

Oh ! Birambo, here too when in the darkest days
they knocked on every door
it was the same country as of old (1994 in April),
yours were also opened fully.
Young and old came forward to find refuge in your womb. Poor people
and the rich together.

Oh ! Community of Birambo!
Your eleven sisters lived in this melee.
However, those men who wanted their lives put them
apart, they said to save them from disaster.

But, out of sight is not far from the heart,

your community shared the same fate
as all those thousands of people
who only wanted to survive under your Birambo walls.
You wanted to cover them with your wings,
but circumstances did not permit you.

These wings were torn off,
it shows through the dilapidation of your ceilings,
the breaks in your windows and the cracks in your walls.
Very dear little Assumption of Birambo,
you have known the madness of the message
at this time of human weakness in your country (1 Cor 1,17).

For this huge crowd resting in your surroundings,
Thank you, for you have presented your face,
and it was struck.
So you lived with this throng as Jesus your master
at the hard moment of the crowning with thorns (Mt 27: 27-31).

Yes, Birambo, your leader did not send you to multiply good works
Nor to baptize, but above all to proclaim the Gospel
Even to the madness of his cross. This madness discovered by those
who recognize the power of God
there where the world is not pierced.

Do not be afraid Birambo,
The one who made you is alive today as yesterday.
Your three days will come and the walls of your community
and your school will be rebuilt.
The one who invented the language of help in Cana,
Stays always by your side.

He who also kept and defended the Son of Man
shakes of the powerful of the world,
would he not be your Chief too?
And your founders, your five sisters, your friends who saw you ransacked
will not they encourage you from heaven?
Birambo, do not be afraid, you will rise.

You are the soul that rises, you will soon raise the world.
Courage, dear little grandmother Assumptionist Rwanda.
you will always be the eldest daughter
and the model of fidelity to Christ your spouse.

Sister Paul of the Cross (published in Share Auteuil »No. 68)

Or reading the testimony of Sister Bernadette Emmanuel (" Share Auteuil »No. 65 page 22)

5. Prayers of Interference

Prayer for Peace

(German Religious Initiative for Peace)

God, you are the God of Life, and you want us to have life in abundance in your creation.
We come to you, full of fear, embarrassed and helpless in the face of the violence around us and in us.
Convert our hearts so that we are people who carry your peace in the world.
Bless, with your Spirit of creative imagination and patience, all who walk with us on the way, to your Kingdom of Peace.
Send your Spirit into the hearts of those who are caught in the web of violence - as authors or victims - and never let us abandon the search for dialogue with them.
You are our Father and you showed us in our Brother Jesus Christ, how we can overcome violence and bring peace.

If you want peace ...

(Grand Rabbi René-Samuel SIRAT)

If you want peace, prepare ...
... Above all, do not prepare for war.

On the contrary, if you want peace, prepare fraternity first.
But also, if you want peace, prepare the teaching of the love of neighbour.
Indeed, if you want peace, prioritize education.
But do not forget: if you want peace, prepare justice and respect the dignity of the opponent.
But also, if you want peace, purify memories.
If you want peace, prepare the truth.
Above all, if you want peace, prepare solidarity.
Finally, if you want peace, prepare mercy.
So, if you prepare all this, peace will be given to you in addition.

We must manage to disarm

(Patriarch Athenagoras)

You have to wage the toughest war against yourself.
In order to be disarmed.

I led this war for years, it was terrible.
But I am disarmed.

I'm not afraid of anything anymore, because love drives away fear.

I am disarmed of the will to be right,
Justifying myself by disqualifying others.
I am no longer on my guard, jealously clutching my wealth.
I welcome and share.
I do not particularly care about my ideas, my projects.
If I am presented with better ones,
or rather no, not better, but good, I accept without regrets.

I gave up comparison.
What is good, true, real, is always best for me.

That's why I'm not afraid anymore. When we have nothing left, we are no longer afraid.

If we disarm, if we dispossess,
if we open ourselves to the God-Man who makes all things new,
then, he, erases all that is bad in the past
and creates for us time anew where everything is possible.

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