

# Mother God

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## Scripture Guide

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### GENESIS 1:27 NRSV

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

### ISAIAH 45:9-10 NIRV

How terrible it will be for anyone who argues with their Maker!  
They are like a broken piece of pottery lying on the ground.  
Does clay say to a potter,  
“What are you making?”  
Does a pot say,  
“The potter doesn’t have any skill”?  
How terrible it will be for anyone who says to a father,  
“Why did you give me life?”  
How terrible for anyone who says to a mother,  
“Why have you brought me into the world?”





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REFERENCE: **DEUTERONOMY 32:18 NRSV**

You were unmindful of the Rock that bore [or begot] you;  
you forgot the God who gave you birth.

**ISAIAH 42:14 NRSV**

For a long time I have held my peace,  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor,  
I will gasp and pant.



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REFERENCE: **ISAIAH 49:15 NRSV**

Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.

**1 PETER 2:2-3 NRSV**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you  
may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**PSALM 131:2 NRSV**

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.



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REFERENCE: **HOSEA 11:3 NIV**

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.

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**PROVERBS 8:27-31 NRSV**

When he established the heavens, I [Hebrew: Hokmah, Greek: Sophia] was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker [another reading is little child]  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.



“In the bible, “Spirit (Ruach)”—“Presence (Shekinah)”—“Wisdom (Chokmah)” are all grammatically feminine terms. They refer to very similar female figurations in the Hebrew Bible who express G\*d’s saving presence in the world.” -pp 39

“In short, typical Wisdom/Wisdom spirituality is a spirituality of roads and journeys, public places and open borders, nourishment and celebration. It seeks for sustenance in the struggles for justice and cultivates creation and life in fullness.” -pp 47

Schüssler Fiorenza, Elisabeth. *Wisdom Ways: Introducing Feminist Biblical Interpretation*. Accessed March 8, 2022.





## PAGES 11 - 12

Gafney, Wilda. "Genesis 1:1." In *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church-Year A*, 1. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2021.

When beginning he, God, created the heavens and the earth, the earth was shapeless and formless and bleakness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit of God, she, fluttered over the face of the waters.

## PAGES 13 - 14

### LUKE 13:34 NRSV

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

### MATTHEW 23:37 NRSV

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!



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REFERENCE: **HOSEA 13:8 NRSV**

I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs,  
and will tear open the covering of their heart;

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**HOSEA 13:7 NRSV**

So I will become like a lion to them,  
like a leopard I will lurk beside the way.





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REFERENCE: **MATTHEW 13:33 NRSV**

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed [or *hid*] in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

This references the parable: 3 “measures” of flour is approximately 60 pounds! The baking of bread is intentional to reference Jesus feeding the many crowds and also that Jesus is the bread of life.

Levine, Amy-Jill. “The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like Yeast.” Chapter 3. In *Short Stories by Jesus the Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, 117–37. New York, NY: Harper One, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2015.





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### GENESIS 3:21 NIV

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

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### DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 NRSV

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.





**PSALM 78:1-4**

Gafney, Wilda. "Psalm 78:1-4." *In A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church-Year A*, 8. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2021.

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ear to the utterances of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a proverb; I will utter riddles from of old,  
Which we have heard and known,  
and which our mothers and fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their daughters and sons; we will recount to  
generations to come the praiseworthy deeds of She Who Speaks Life, and  
her might, and the wonderful works she has done.

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**GENESIS 16:13 NRSV, HAGAR GIVES GOD A NAME.**

So she named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El-roi" [God of seeing or God who sees] for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?"

**ISAIAH 66:13 NLT**

I will comfort you there in Jerusalem  
as a mother comforts her child.



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### PSALM 42:10

Waddell, Ada, Hannah Bowman, K. D. Joyce, and Bailey Pickens, eds.

“Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaption of the Book of Psalms, Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use).” Young Peoples Theology, January 2022.

GOD grants GOD’s loving-kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season their song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.





## **PAGES 29 - 30**

### **1 JOHN 4:7 NRSV**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:8 NRSV**

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

### **REVELATION 21:5 NRSV**

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."