

Mother God

January 1 – February 19, 2023

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There are many images of God that we encounter throughout scripture. We all have our favorites, the ones that inspire us and comfort us, the ones that we turn to again and again. With the aid of “Mother God” by Teresa Kim Pecinovsky, we explore some familiar and unfamiliar images of God. We find images that comfort and discomfort, challenge and soothe. “Mother God” opens us to new ideas and helps us to see the ordinary in extraordinary ways.

January 1 – Birth Mother

“the God who gave you birth” – Deuteronomy 32:18

Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 18; Isaiah 42:14; Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 131; Mother God 1-6

We celebrate the gift of the Christ Child among us, God with us. This birth has brought light into our darkness and hope into our world. With this child we are reminded that we too are children of God. God has birthed us and nourishes us even when we have turned away. God loves and holds us close to her heart.

January 8 – Provider

“God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them” – Genesis 3:21

Genesis 3:21 and Ezekiel 16:10, 13; Matthew 13:1-3a, 33 and Isaiah 55:1; Mother God 19-22

God feeds and clothes us. All that we have and all that we are, are from her. She sends us out clothed for what comes. She mixes and bakes, ensuring there is more than enough for all. There is no need, only her abundance. How do we live and share that gift?

January 15 – Teacher

“Give ear, O my people, to my teaching” – Psalm 78:1

Psalm 78:1-4; Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Mother God 23-24

God shares the word with us. She patiently teaches us with simple ideas and with unanswerable questions. She sits with us as we ask again for the stories, for the reassurances, for the truth of her words. She weaves her truths into our hearts so we will live and share them always.

January 22 – Spirit of Wisdom

“And now, my children, listen to me” – Proverbs 8:32

Genesis 1:1-2; Proverbs 8:22-32; Mother God 9-12

From the beginning, Wisdom created and enlivened the world. She breathes life into us. Wisdom is not just in age or intellect, but in a joyous life, a recognition of the glory of God’s world. Wisdom is in sharing her creative arts, in embodying the abundance of possibility she gives. Wisdom shines on each of us, creating and forming us in community to live out her call.

January 29 – Encourager and Protector

“it was I who taught Ephraim to walk” – Hosea 11:3

Hosea 11:1-4; Hosea 13:5-7; Mother God 7-8, 17-18

We try to walk, yet we stumble and fall. God is with us. She encourages us and soothes our injuries. She holds her arms wide to welcome us. Even when we think we are wise enough to walk on our own, she stays beside us, guiding us, there for us whenever we need her.

February 5 – Loving Protector

“I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood” – Matthew 23:37

Hosea 13:4-5, 8a; Matthew 23:37; Mother God 13-16

God desires to protect us, often from ourselves. She calls us in and seeks to shelter us. She invites us to be comforted and to play. We are her children. She would do anything for us if only we will let her. Yet we choose to wander on our own. We want to show our strength and independence. Still, God is always with us.

February 12 – Our Comforter

“As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you” – Isaiah 66:13

Isaiah 66:12-13; Genesis 16:7-13, Mother God 25-28

God is with us through everything. God sees us wherever we run. When we are at our lowest, our most afraid, she is there to see us, to know our pain and to give us hope. When we cry, we are held in loving arms. She sings to us of possibility when we can see none.

February 19 – Mother God

“So God created humankind in God’s image” – Genesis 1:27

Genesis 1:27; 1 John 4:7; Matthew 18:1-5; Mother God 29-30

We are created in the image of God. She has created each of us. We are beloved children. When we remember ourselves and one another as her beloved children we can live most fully in her love. In the face of one another, we encounter God, our Mother.