

Contents

<i>Acknowledgments</i>	ix
<i>Abbreviations and Acronyms</i>	xi
<i>Introduction</i>	xiv

Part I. Mothers of the Old Testament

1. Eve: Mother of All the Living	3
2. Sarah: Mother of the Promise	11
3. Hagar: Mother in the Desert	22
4. Rebekah: Mother of the Struggle	33
5. Leah and Rachel: Mothers of the Twelve Tribes	43
6. Hannah: Mother with a Song	52
7. Widow of Zarephath: Mother of Hospitality	65
8. Mother of the Maccabean Brothers: Mother of the Resurrection	73

Part II. Mothers of the New Testament

9. Elisabeth: Mother of Prophecy	87
10. The Widow of Nain: Finding a New Husband	96
11. Zebedee's Wife: Mother of the Kingdom	107
12. The Syro-Phoenician Woman: Mother of Cultural Bridges	117
13. Mary: Mother of Meditation	130

Part III. Mothers of the Christian Tradition

14. Felicitas and Perpetua: Mothers in Chains	167
15. Helena: Mother of the Holy Cross	183

16. Monica: Mother of Tears	195
17. Dorothy Day: Mother of Sacramentality	208
18. Mother Teresa: Mother of None, Mother of Many	225

Part IV. Motherhood as Theological Analogy

19. God: Mother of Compassion	241
20. Jesus: The Gathering Mother	253
21. Holy Spirit: Mother of Newness	263
22. Earth: Nurturing Mother	274

<i>Epilogue</i>	285
-----------------	-----

<i>Bibliography</i>	289
---------------------	-----