

Small Group Ministry Session Nine: Mothers

OPENING WORDS

Earth mother, star mother, You who are called by
A thousand names,
May we all remember
We are cells of your body
And dance together.
You are the grain and the loaf
that sustains us each day,
And as you are patient
With our struggles to learn
So shall we be patient
With ourselves and each other.
We are radiant light
And sacred dark-the balance-
You are the embrace that heartens
And the freedom beyond fear.
Within you we are born,
We grow, live, and die-
You bring us around the circle to rebirth,
With us you dance
Forever.

- Starhawk, #524

CHECK IN

- Current state of physical or spiritual health
- Joys or concerns about loved ones
- Concerns/excitement about what is happening in our lives

REVIEW COVENANT

BREAK

DISCUSSION

In the matter of mothers, our culture swings from the saccharine sentimentality of Mother's Day to laying blame for every shortcoming imaginable at the maternal feet. Everyone has a mother, we are the same in this. But the story of every mother and child is different. Some stories have a great deal of turbulence in them, though every story is a story of gifts. What is your story?

CHECK OUT

What did you like about this meeting? What do you wish had been different?

CLOSING WORDS

Because of those who came before, we are. In spite of their failings, we believe.

Because of, and in spite of the horizons of their vision, we, too, dream.

Let us go remembering to praise,

To live in the moment,

To love mightily,

To bow to the mystery.

- Barbara Pescan