

## Bring Many Names

*Unison*

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
 4. Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing  
 5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move, say - ing no to  
 6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known, joy - ful dark - ness

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
 2. won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
 4. e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:  
 false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:  
 6. far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

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 Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names!  
 2. Hail and Ho - san - na! strong moth - er God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na! warm fa - ther God!  
 4. Hail and Ho - san - na! old, ach - ing God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na! young, grow - ing God!  
 6. Hail and Ho - san - na! \_\_\_\_\_ great, liv - ing God!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1989  
 MUSIC: Carlton Young, 1989

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# Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

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1. Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2. Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3. Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of  
me your food of light, grain of life, and  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
root and grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

WORDS: Julian of Norwich (1342-1419); adapt. Jean Janzen, 1991  
MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

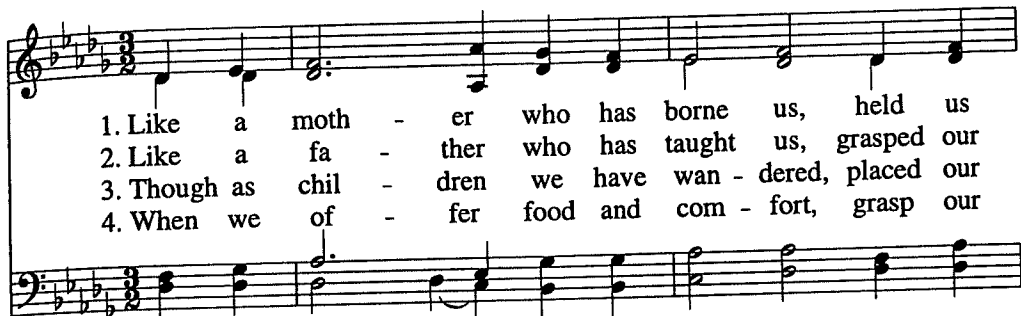
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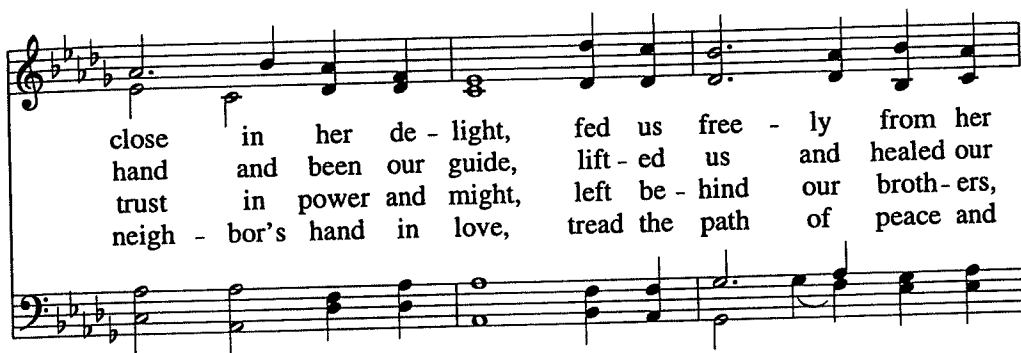
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# Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us


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1. Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
2. Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
3. Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
4. When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her  
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our  
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,  
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.  
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

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Bechtel, a UCC minister, was inspired by  
Hosea 11:1-9 to write this description of  
God's parentlike relationship to us.

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For thus says the Lord . . .  
As one whom his mother comforts,  
so will I comfort you.

— Isaiah 66:12,13, RSV

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