

## Thought for the Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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**Come Holy Gift    Mary's sisters**

Steven Shakespeare has written a series of Prayer Poems for the Christian year; this one reminded me of our Bible studies on women in the Bible.

I am Miriam

alive between the walls of the deep

singing the mighty into the mud

I am Deborah

commander, judge, and mother of Israel

holding court in the green palm shade

I am Hannah

celebrant of divine reversals

cutting the cord of fate with prayer

I am Abigail

descended from the mountain heights

stilling the bloodlust of kings

I am Huldah

keeper of the dark speech of God

prophesying pain and penitence

I am Esther

veiled queen of the resistance

foiling the hand of genocide

I am Eve

mother of all the living

tending my shadowed garden

I am Mary

mother of God

mother of faith

Christ-bearer

star of the deeps below

and the night above:

prophet, singer, witness, priest

one of many sisters

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I think I am going to have to go back and look up some of these women and check their stories.