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The image features a central white, torn-edge paper shape on a light brown background. The text is centered on this white shape. There are decorative gold-colored lines forming a frame around the white shape, and stylized brown leaf branches in the corners. The text is as follows:

MOTHER'S DAY 2022

Gal. 4:4-5

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS SO AMAZING

Gal. 4:4 But **when the fulness of the time was come**,
God sent forth **his Son, made of a woman**, made under
the law,
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we
might receive the adoption of sons.

Historical Background

Julia Ward Howe first proclaimed Mother's Day in the United States in 1870 in Boston, and Howe called for it to be observed each year nationally in 1872. As originally envisioned, Howe's "Mother's Day" was a call for Pacifism and disarmament by women. Women's peace groups mostly marked early "Mother's Day". A common early activity was the meeting of groups of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite sides of the American Civil War.

In 1907 Anna Jarvis in Grafton, West Virginia, to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's death two years earlier on May 9, 1905, first celebrated Mother's Day in a small private way. Jarvis's mother, also named Anna Jarvis, had been active in Mother's Day campaigns for peace and worker's safety and health. The younger Jarvis launched a quest to get wider recognition of Mother's Day. The celebration organized by Jarvis on May 10, 1908 involved 407 children with their mothers at the Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton. The following campaign to recognize Mother's Day was financed by clothing merchant John Wanamaker. As the custom of Mother's Day spread, the emphasis shifted from the pacificism and reform movements to a general appreciation of mothers.

The first official recognition of the holiday was by West Virginia in 1910.

A proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as U.S. president Woodrow Wilson signed Mother's Day on May 14, 1914.

A tradition calls for the wearing of carnations on Mother's Day—a red one if one's mother is alive, and white if she has died.

http://www.corsinet.com/braincandy/mothers_day.html

Mother's Day

It would seem that something which means poverty, disorder and violence every single day should be avoided entirely, but the desire to beget children is a natural urge.

Phyllis Diller

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.

Then I want to move in with them."

~ *Phyllis Diller*

My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it
or leave it.

Buddy Hackett

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the
best, but his mother the longest.

Irish Proverb

Working mothers are guinea pigs in a scientific
experiment to show that sleep is not necessary to
human life.

Author Unknown

Being a mom is always easy,
fun and carefree!
No, Wait --That's being a dad.

No man is poor who has a Godly
mother. — Abraham Lincoln

Mothers are molding adults when rearing their
children.

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever
saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my
success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical
education I received from her.
— George Washington

The Bible honors parents and today we honor the mothers.

Mt. 15:4 For **God commanded**, saying, **Honour thy father and mother**: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

The most blessed mother in history was Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was the Creator's choice to bear the Savior. This morning, we will consider her as a role model for mothers.

I. MARY WAS CHOSEN

❖ Nothing ever occurs apart from the sovereignty of God.

Jer. 1:5 **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;** and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

A. The Person and Plan were God's Choice

Gal. 4:4 But **when the fulness of the time was come,** God sent forth **his Son, made of a woman,** made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

1 Tim. 2:5 For ***there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;***
6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, **to be testified in due time.**

❖ Being a parent, father and/or mother, was God's choice.

Psa. 139:14 I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made:** marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

B. The Purpose and Plan were God's Choice

Mt. 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: **When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together**, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and **the virgin's name was Mary.**

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, **thou that art highly favoured**, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

Original Word: χαριτόω

Transliteration: charitoó

Definition: to make graceful, endow with grace;

Usage: I **favor**, bestow freely on.

xaritóō – **properly, highly-favored because receptive**

to God's grace. (*xaritóō*) is used twice in the NT (Lk 1:28 and Eph 1:6), both times of God *extending Himself to freely bestow grace (favor).*

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5487.htm>

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath **made us accepted** in the beloved.

❖ Mary's role in God's plan was prophesied over 600 years before it happened:

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

❖ Mary was NOT immaculately conceived, NOT without sin, NOT the mediatrix, and NOT a perpetual virgin.

Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

II. MARY WAS CONFLICTED

A. Mary was Human

Luke 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; (Lev. 12:1-6)

Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not,
Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb,
and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of
the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the
throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for
ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 **Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be,
seeing I know not a man?**

Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and
pondered them in her heart.

PONDER, To weigh in the mind; to consider and compare the circumstances or consequences of an event, or the importance of the reasons for or against a decision.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/ponder>

❖ Mary did not know all the answers regarding her pregnancy.

B. Mary was Humble

Luke 1:46 And Mary said, **My soul doth magnify the Lord,**

❖ Obedience to the Lord's will meant Mary would be disgraced as an unwed mother.

Jn. 8:41b “...Then said they to him, **We be not born of fornication**; we have one Father, *even* God.”

III. MARY WAS COMMITTED

A. Mary was Faithful from the Beginning at the Cradle

Luke 1:38 And **Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.** And the angel departed from her.

❖ Pre-natal preparation should also include a commitment to godliness.

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

B. Mary was Faithful at the Burden of the Cross

John 19:25 **Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother**, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

❖ Mary's agony was viewing her Savior, her son, suffering as the Lamb of God.

C. Mary was Faithful at the Beginning of the Church

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, **and Mary the mother of Jesus**, and with his brethren.

- ❖ A godly mother is faithful in Christ's work, also via a local church, bringing her children with her.

Conclusion

- ❖ When a woman is blessed with a child, she is responsible to become a godly mother in honoring God's plan for her life, as well as preparing her child to honor and glorify God.
- ❖ Mary was a wonderful example of God's expectation of motherhood.



The hand that rocks the
cradle rules the world.

William Ross Wallace

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The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Rules the World

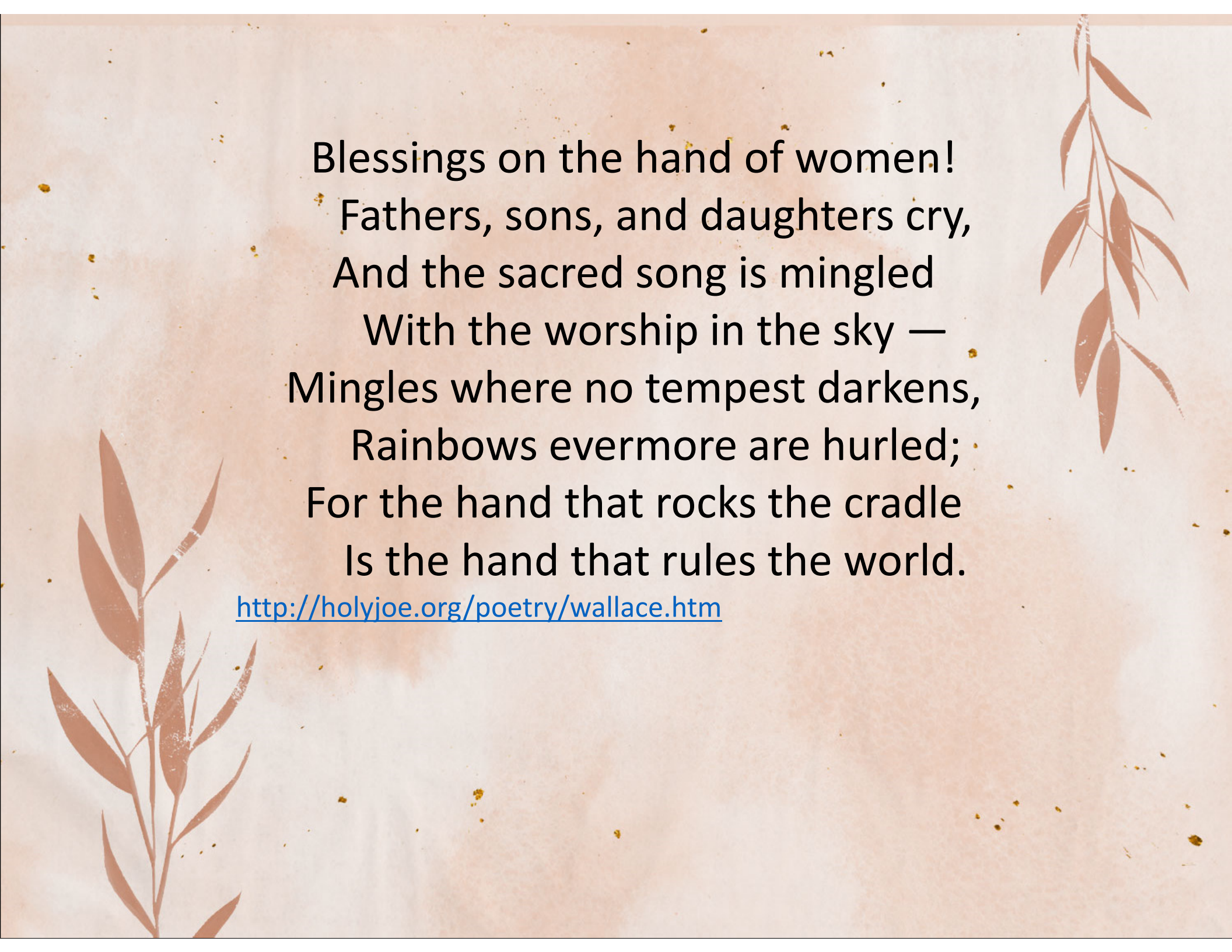
by William Ross Wallace (1819-1881)

Blessings on the hand of women!
Angels guard its strength and grace.
In the palace, cottage, hovel,
Oh, no matter where the place;
Would that never storms assailed it,
Rainbows ever gently curled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.
Infancy's the tender fountain,
Power may with beauty flow,
Mothers first to guide the streamlets,
From them souls unresting grow —



Grow on for the good or evil,
Sunshine streamed or evil hurled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.
Woman, how divine your mission,
Here upon our natal sod;
Keep – oh, keep the young heart open
Always to the breath of God!
All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother-love impearled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.





Blessings on the hand of women!
Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled
With the worship in the sky —
Mingles where no tempest darkens,
Rainbows evermore are hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

<http://holyjoe.org/poetry/wallace.htm>