

# Mothers of Faith

Celebrating 50 years of women's ordained ministry and 60 years of women in eldership in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ

Music and Lyrics by Malcolm Gordon

75 bpm

Guitar Capo 3:  $\begin{matrix} D \\ F \end{matrix}$   $\begin{matrix} B_m \\ D_m \end{matrix}$

1. For our mothers of faith, for our sisters in Christ, for the
2. For courageous midwives, for the unmarried bride and her
3. For the long silent age, for repression's cruel cage, for our
4. For our mothers of faith, for our sisters in Christ, for the

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daughters of God we will praise. For their courage and care, their com-  
 mir-acle child come to save. For the barren of womb, and the  
 part in this pain we confess. For the gifts we've returned, for the  
 daughters of God we will praise. To our Father above, with a

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passion and tears, for their unending prayers we will praise. *Refrain:* For the  
 poured out perfume, then the watch at the tomb, we will praise.  
 saints we have spurned, from this blindness we turn and are blessed.  
 mothering love, won't you lead us in freedom and grace. *[end]*

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women who carried and bore us now this song we raise. For their

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wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God we praise