

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 9, 2020

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.*

*Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,  
and to record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.  
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.*

✠ — *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

*Like Deborah, the Israelite judge, we are called upon to reflect, to discuss, and to make decisions that lead to action. We have heard that we should not judge lest we be judged. However, there is a time for judgment when we are asked and after we have deliberated. Come, let us worship God.*

Voluntary

*Toccata* — George Mushel

David Weigle

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

The day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

**We will not be caught unaware.**

Forsake the ways of darkness.

**We will live as children of light.**

Put on the breastplate of faith and the helmet of salvation.

**We will prepare ourselves for the struggles that lie ahead.**

Encourage one another and build each other up.

**We will work for the kingdom and live as children of light.**

Come, let us worship the source of love and light.

✠ Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**So that we might move closer to becoming at one with you, O Just God, without spilling a drop of blood, guide our deliberations and our decision making, that we might increase fairness and justness in an unfair and unjust world. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn 76

Congregation

*If You Will Let God Guide You* — NEUMARK

Scripture Lesson

Blair Wooten

Judges 4:1-9 (Pew Bible page 191 of the Old Testament)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,*

*1st through 4th grade to Young Theologians.*

*You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*For All the Faithful Women* — NYLAND

Call to Confession

Paulette Harrison & Congregation

Sometimes we are objects of scorn and contempt, but sometimes we are the ones at ease, filled with pride and thinking ourselves better than others. We cling to a false sense of peace and security amid injustice and oppression. The day of the Sovereign can surprise us like a thief in the night, and judgment is sure.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be the children of the day—your day. Help us! Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

*(continued)*

Promise of Forgiveness

God has not destined us for wrath  
but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ  
who offers us life in all its fullness.

**Continue, then, to build up one another  
with encouragement and hope.**

Look to God each day for mercy and assurance,  
and be alert to hear God's commands.

**We will live as children of light.**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*With Humble Justice Clad and Crowned* — SWEET HOUR  
(Congregation: sing stanzas 1 and 4 on direction)

Prayers of the People

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, God of Grace, hear our prayer.

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your gospel. In hope  
for the world to come and with love for the world you made, we offer our prayers for  
your church, your earth, and your people.

For your church, in this community and around the world,  
that your good news may be proclaimed to all . . .

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed,  
that they might know peace . . .

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For your creation,  
that we may be the caretakers you intend . . .

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For those who fight the demons of addiction,  
that they might find relief . . .

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that they would be  
freed from pain and fear . . .

(continued)

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .  
(*You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.*)

*Silence Is Kept*

Let us pray:

**All this we pray with gratitude for your eternal love and extravagant grace; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*An Instrument of Thy Peace* — Debra Scroggins

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.*

Sermon

Robin Murray

**“ God, the Magnificent Orchestrator ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment 692

Congregation

*Let Truth and Mercy Find Here* — AURELIA

*Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess or reaffirm  
your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.*

Offertory Prayer

Doug Washington

Offertory

Lonnie Tanner

*The River*

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

(continued)

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Clothed in faith and showered in love,

**we go forth, shining with God's light.**

Washed in joy and bathed in hope,

**we go forth, radiant with Christ's love.**

Blessed with gifts far more precious than jewels,

**we go forth, blazing with the fire of God's Spirit.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*If You Will Only Let God Guide You* — arranged by Paul Manz

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## Cover Art

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## Hymn Notes

### *For All the Faithful Women*

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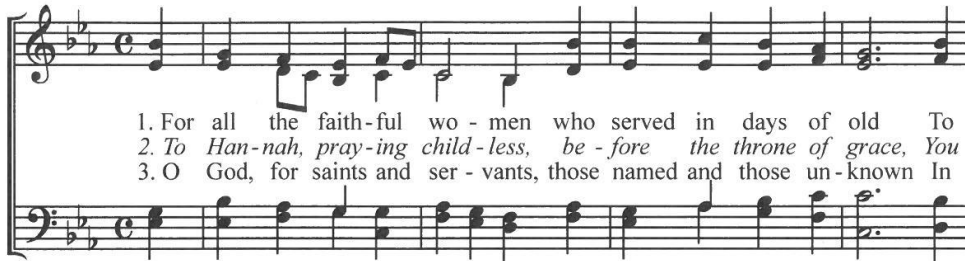
## Composer Notes – Debra Scroggins

Debra Scroggins is known for her lyrical and emotionally engaging compositions. Specializing in choral and vocal compositions, she also writes for piano, organ and other instruments with careful attention to the needs of the performer and to the hearts and ears of the listener. Since 2005 Debra has served as Composer in Residence for The Texas Voices, a Dallas, TX area professional chamber choir and since 2013 has served in the same capacity for the Plano Civic Chorus, a 100+ voice ensemble.

In solidarity with Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, music by women composers will be sung each week in February.

# For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND



1. For all the faith-ful wo - men who served in days of old To  
2. To Han-nah, pray-ing child-less, be - fore the throne of grace, You  
3. O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known In



you shall thanks be - giv - en, to all their sto - ry told. They  
gave a son and called him to serve be - fore your face. Grant  
whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone, We

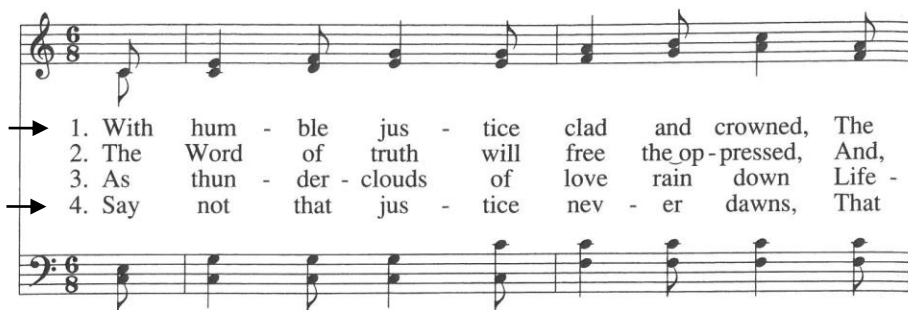


served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To  
us her per - se - ver - ance; Lord, teach us how to pray And  
of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise That

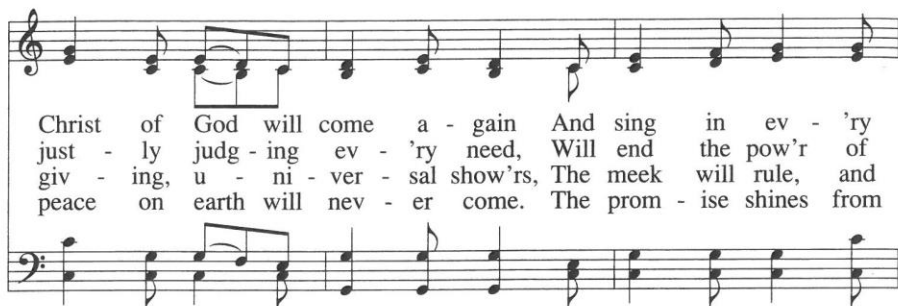


you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
trust in your de - liv' - rance when dark - ness hides our way.  
faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

# With Humble Justice Clad and Crowned



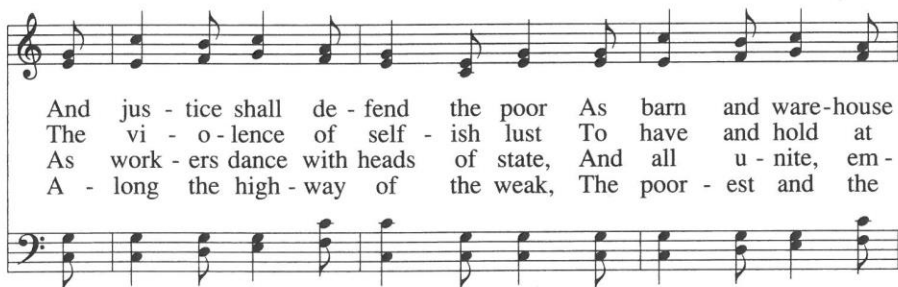
1. With hum - ble jus - tice clad and crowned, The  
 2. The Word of truth will free the op - pressed, And,  
 3. As thun - der - clouds of love rain down, Life -  
 4. Say not that jus - tice nev - er dawns, That



Christ of God will come a - gain And sing in ev - 'ry  
 just - ly judg - ing ev - 'ry need, Will end the pow'r of  
 giv - ing, u - ni - ver - sal show'rs, The meek will rule, and  
 peace on earth will nev - er come. The prom - ise shines from



land on earth The song be - gun at Beth - le - hem,  
 flaunt - ed wealth, And cru - el, quiet, sys - tem - ic greed.  
 thus re - deem Earth's high au - thor - i - ties and pow'rs,  
 Beth - le - hem, For all, for - ev - er, like the sun.



And jus - tice shall de - fend the poor As barn and ware-house  
 The vi - o - lence of self - ish lust To have and hold at  
 As work - ers dance with heads of state, And all u - nite, em -  
 A - long the high - way of the weak, The poor - est and the



give an - their grain, And all the hun - gry, that  
 brace - y cost Will know at last fruits of  
 most and bring The rich - est fruits of  
 dis - tressed, Christ comes a - gain, and

rich - ly filled, Shall feel that Christ has come a - gain.  
 God is just, And face the fi - nal Pen - te - cost.  
 hand and brain In hom - age to the hum - blest king.  
 yet a - gain, Till earth, and all on earth, are blessed.

## Stay Connected

Are you still using Realm? Make the swap! Royal Lane's connection to Realm will be discontinued on February 21, 2020.

Need to download the app for the Ekklesia e360 Member database? Here's what it looks like.

An "invite" with your login and temporary password was generated on January 30, 2020, to all who have not logged in to our new member database.

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## **Worship Leaders**

### **Lonnie Tanner – Guest Musician**

Lonnie lives in the heart of Houston. Currently, he is a music associate at Friendswood UMC. After 28 years in public education, he is now a professional accompanist, vocalist, actor and choreographer across Texas. He thrives on travel to study the vast array of cultures and their musical traditions, both sacred and secular.

### **Doug Washington**

Doug and his wife Sandy joined Royal Lane in 1997 along with their daughters, Janina and Lindsey after relocating from Princeton, New Jersey. Doug has served as a Deacon, Chair of the Congregational Affiliation Committee, Personnel, Social Justice and other committees. He is active in international markets and currently involved with establishing Sustainable Energy and Water supply to developing nations. He enjoys spending quality time with his daughters Janina and Lindsey, his son Burney and daughter-in-law Lesley. He adores his #1 granddaughter Addison, (she says, "I'm your only granddaughter, Poppi") and his two grandsons, Silas and Soren.

### **Blair Wooten**

Arriving at the age of 6, Blair is a longtime member of Royal Lane Baptist Church. Blair grew up in the Dallas area, and is a Dallasite, through and through. Blair is a 2016 graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. He is currently a Graduate Medical Education Coordinator at UT Southwestern.

## **For the Children!**

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at [games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

## Study for Wednesday Evening

### IN FOCUS

#### **Royal Lane Remembers: The Civil Rights '60s**

a Conversation led by Dean Dickens with questions  
from the RLBC youth to the gathered adults  
about their experiences  
during the Civil Rights era in the '60s.

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37**

## WOC – Sunday, February 16

12:15 pm – Vickrey Hall

Grace Enough . . . to celebrate Valentine's Day with Rhonda Medina as "Dolly Parton".

All are Invited! Bring gift cards for homeless teens.

Any amount. \$5, \$10, \$25 – Target, Walmart, restaurants. Think like a Teenager!

## Faith & Film

February 16, 2:30 – 4:30, Room 101

### The Hate U Give

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds: the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white, prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officers. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right.



Discussion will be led by Janina Washington with assistance from the RLBC youth.

**Welcome to  
Rev. L. Robin Murray  
Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher**

Abundant Life AME and  
Faith in Texas Organizer

Robin currently serves as the lead organizer for the dedicated people of congregations located in the Northwest region of the DFW metroplex. Ordained as itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, Robin serves as the Assistant Minister of Children's Ministry at Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, TX. Additionally, she serves as Secretary of the A.M.E. North Texas Conference, Women in Ministry.



Robin recently earned her Master of Divinity with a concentration in Urban Ministry from Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology. While at Perkins, she served as chair of the Justice in Action Committee, as well as president of the student organization, L@s Seminaristas. Robin was Perkins' first recipient of the Harry Hosier Spirit Award, as well as the recipient of the B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics for "scholarly competence in the field of social ethics and personal commitment as shown in voluntary activity in support of worthy causes."

Robin is passionate about those who are marginalized and directly impacted by systems designed to oppress, divide, and dehumanize God's people. Her faith moves her to help people connect their faith to actions and to give hope and empower those in and outside of congregations. When this native Texan is not actively engaged in the Ministry of Justice, she loves spending time with her husband, Ron, and their miniature schnauzer, Wiz.

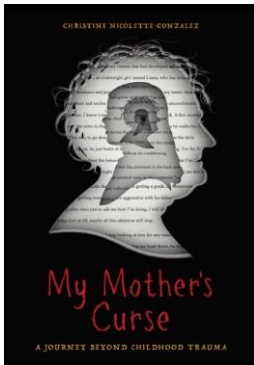


**Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher**

**February 16**

**Rev. Kristin Warthen**

**White's Chapel UMC**



## Book Launch – February 21

The Prayer Place Sunday School class invites you to the official book launch of Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez's captivating memoir, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, on Friday, February 21 at 6 PM in Vickrey Hall. The evening will begin with a Happy Hour reception and will be followed by a reading and book signing. If you experienced a challenging childhood, you may particularly find this event worth attending.

## Hope Supply – February 22

Come join us on Saturday February 22nd from 9am-11am at Hope Supply! We will repackage diapers and Pull-Ups for families experiencing homelessness in our city. Bring your school-aged children if they want to help. Hope Supply has a job for all ages. Please sign up or let Charlotte Sewell know you want to come. Thank you!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/v3x8w8s>



## Fat Tuesday on Sunday – February 23

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS  
*Annual Children & Youth Fundraiser*

RLBC FAT TUESDAY ON SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 @ 5 PM

PANCAKES & KARAOKE IN VICKREY HALL

# *Lent & Holy Week*



## *Lenten Theme:*

### *Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...*

- Sunday**      **February 23 – Fat Tuesday on Sunday**  
5:00 pm      Royal Lane Mardi Gras & Karaoke — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 7:00 pm)  
                    Fundraiser for Children's and Youth Ministries
- Wednesday**      **February 26 – Ash Wednesday**  
6:15 pm      Join us in Vickrey Hall as we transition, in prayer, to the Sanctuary  
6:30 pm      Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary
- Sundays**      **March 1 – March 29 – First thru Fifth Sundays in Lent**
- Sunday**      **April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
10:55 am      Morning Worship – Procession of Palms — Sanctuary
- Wednesday**      **April 8**  
6:15 pm      Children's Seder — Children's Building
- Friday**      **April 10 – Good Friday**  
5:30 pm      Choir Dinner — Library  
6:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
8:00 pm      Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)  
                    A service of solemn remembrance & Communion  
8:00 pm      Children's Good Friday Service — Children's Building
- Saturday**      **April 11**  
2:00 pm      Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)  
                    For children and families to recount the events of Holy Week
- Sunday**      **April 12 – Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am      Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn  
8:30 am      Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                    Featuring Classic Brass & Percussion



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday February 9 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
12:00 pm Youth Return from Midwinter  
12:15 pm Program Council — Room 202
- Tuesday February 11**  
Pastor's Book Group Resumes March 3 with "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans
- Wednesday February 12**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Room 206  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Pesto Chicken, Pasta, Salad, Apple Pie  
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm Children's Activities — Children's Building  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS — Vickrey Hall  
Royal Lane Remembers: The Civil Rights '60s  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday February 14**  
10:00 am Second Friday at North Dallas Shared Ministries
- Saturday February 15**  
9:00 am Men of the Church — Crossroads Diner, 17194 Preston Rd, Dallas, 75231  
4:00 pm Parents of Youth & Children – "Dinner for Dreaming" (4:00 – 7:00 pm)  
Home of Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson  
3:30 – 7:30 pm, childcare at RLBC
- Sunday February 16 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
9:45 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am Non-Traditional Sunday School Class — Room 206  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher – Rev. Kristin Warthen  
12:15 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall  
12:15 pm Third Sunday Youth Lunch (meet in the Library following worship)  
2:30 pm Faith & Film – "The Hate U Give" — Room 101

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## Prayer Cards

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. These may be placed in the offering plate or handed to a minister or deacon of the week.

### Deacons on Call

Paulette Harrison & Cathy Walling

**Safety Shepherd** – Ed Meier

### Godly Play

Jan Quesada, Don & Patsy Meier

**Young Theologians** – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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When WE Give: YBC can feed and minister to Vickrey Meadows children.

### December 2019 Financials

	YTD
Revenues	\$ 829,218
Expenses	\$ 737,229
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 91,989

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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship



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The Scripture this morning is Judges 4:1-9, which may be found on page 191 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.  
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The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. <sup>3</sup>Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

<sup>4</sup>At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup>She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup>I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

<sup>8</sup>Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." <sup>9</sup>And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. (NRSV)

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Holy Wisdom, Holy Word...**Thanks be to God.**