



Mother of Cups

The Mother of Cups is the mother of water, the bearer of waves and the keeper of currents. All of the court cards are double-elemental. The Mother of Cups is double water, meaning that her nature is that of the heart and the nourishing gift of blood. This nourishing presence means that she can nourish others and herself. She is the mother of relationships, those with others and with herself.

All of the Court cards in Cups are portrayed as Swans. This is fitting because Swans are highly communal. They create a bond with others that is unbreakable. Once they find a mate, it is for life. The Mother of Cups is the one who teaches us that the power of love we give to ourselves strengthens the love we give to others. The first relationship that she has is to herself. She celebrates her gifts, and takes the time to be alone in that celebration.

Her isolation does not make her any less of a mother. In fact, she may be the one to show that love to oneself means love to all. In the picture, she is alone and in a darkened place. But she is surrounded by the jewel-toned stars while she performs a ritual, creating a sacred space with sacred intention. She is perhaps most similar to the High Priestess. She embodies the flowing energy of life's gifts. She taps into her sacred magic, unleashing the emotional flow of ritual.

All of the Mothers are the Healers and the Keepers. The Mother of Cups is here to show and teach us where we need to embrace the love of boundaries. We need to embrace the unwinding loss of ourselves into being alone at times, allowing our hearts to move and flow without judgement. She also teaches us that we can always return and should return. We should never be stagnant but

flowing through the times in our lives with flexibility and perception of presence. A swan can be in the water, on land, or in the sky. The Mother of Cups is adaptable, free in all her capacities.

Her biggest gifts are for keeping the integrity of relationships wholesome and honest. She is creative in her abilities, and she lets the concepts of time and deadlines go. She is un-rushed but moving. She is un-phased, but conscientious. She celebrates the love and beauty of others by allowing herself the full capacity of love and beauty for herself.