

**Sunday 22 June 2025**

# **Morning Service**

**We do not wrestle against flesh and blood**

**Daniel 11**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres and wars to own;  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss  
spent and worthless now,  
compared to this.**

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing:  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
and I love You, Lord.**

**Now my heart's desire  
is to know You more,  
to be found in You and known as Yours;  
to possess by faith what I could not earn  
all surpassing gift of righteousness.**

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing:  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
and I love You, Lord.**

**O to know the power of Your risen life,  
and to know You in Your sufferings;  
to become like You in Your death,  
my Lord,  
so with You to live and never die.**

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing:  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
and I love You, Lord.**

**Graham Kendrick**

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**Prayer**

## Daniel 11

**“And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.**

**<sup>2</sup> “And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them.**

## Daniel 11

**And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. <sup>3</sup> Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>4</sup> And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided towards the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.**

## Daniel 11

**5 “Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority.**

## Daniel 11

**6 After some years they shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement.**

## Daniel 11

**But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.**

## Daniel 11

**7 “And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>8</sup> He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north.**

## Daniel 11

**9 Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land.**

**10 “His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>11</sup> Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>12</sup> And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. <sup>13</sup> For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first.**

## Daniel 11

**And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.**

**<sup>14</sup> “In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfil the vision, but they shall fail.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>15</sup> Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siege works and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>16</sup> But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>17</sup> He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>18</sup> Afterwards he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him.**

## Daniel 11

**19 Then he shall turn his face back towards the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.**

## Daniel 11

**20 “Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>21</sup> In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. <sup>22</sup> Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant.**

## Daniel 11

**23 And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.**

## Daniel 11

**24 Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time.**

## Daniel 11

**25 And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>26</sup> Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. <sup>27</sup> And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.**

## Daniel 11

**28 And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land.**

**29 “At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>30</sup> For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.**

## Daniel 11

**31 Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.**

## Daniel 11

**32 He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>33</sup> And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. <sup>34</sup> When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>35</sup> and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.**

## Daniel 11

**36 “And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.**

## Daniel 11

**<sup>37</sup> He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. <sup>38</sup> He shall honour the god of fortresses instead of these.**

## Daniel 11

**A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honour with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. <sup>39</sup> He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honour.**

## Daniel 11

**He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.**

**<sup>40</sup> “At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships.**

## Daniel 11

**And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through.**

**<sup>41</sup> He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites.**

## Daniel 11

**42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train.**

## Daniel 11

**44 But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. 45 And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.**

# Children's talk

**Be bold, be strong  
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Be bold, be strong  
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**I am not afraid, no, no, no.**

**I am not dismayed, not me.**

**For I'm walking in faith and victory.**

**Come on and walk in faith and victory,  
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Be bold, be strong  
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Be bold, be strong  
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**I am not afraid, no, no, no.  
I am not dismayed, not me.  
For I'm walking in faith and victory.  
Come on and walk in faith and victory,  
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Andy Silver**

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**Prayer**

**○ Word of God incarnate,  
○ Wisdom from on high,  
○ Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
○ Light of our dark sky,  
we praise Thee for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.**

**The church from her dear Master  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light she lifteth  
o'er all the earth to shine.**

**It is the golden casket,  
where gems of truth are stored;  
it is the heav'n-drawn picture  
Of Christ, the living Word.**

**It floateth like a banner  
before God's host unfurled;  
it shineth like a beacon  
above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging sea,  
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
still guides, O Christ, to Thee.**

**O make Thy Church, dear Saviour,  
a lamp of burnished gold,  
to bear before the nations  
Thy true light as of old.**

**O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims  
by this, their path to trace,  
'til, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see Thee face to face.**

**William Walsham Howe, 1867**

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# DANIEL

**We do not wrestle  
against flesh and blood**

11:1-45

**Prayer**

**O church arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our captain.**

**For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.**

**With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;**

**an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword  
that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,  
where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day  
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# Evening Service

Discerning the truth

1 John 4:1-6

Jonny Gilmour

**Come, Thou Almighty King,  
help us Thy Name to sing,  
help us to praise:  
Father all-glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days!**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
gird on Thy mighty sword,  
our prayers attend;  
come, and Thy people bless,  
and give Thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend!**

**Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour:  
Thou, who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power!**

**To the great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore:  
His sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore!**

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**Prayer**

## **1 John 4:1-6**

**Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

# **1 John 4:1-6**

**<sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,**

## **1 John 4:1-6**

**<sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.**

## **1 John 4:1-6**

**<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.**

## **1 John 4:1-6**

**6 We are from God.  
Whoever knows God  
listens to us; whoever is  
not from God does not  
listen to us. By this we  
know the Spirit of truth  
and the spirit of error.**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight,  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness,  
lost in His love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Frances van Alstyne 1820-1919**  
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**TRUTH**

**Prayer**

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.**

**My name is written on His hands,  
my name is hidden in His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no power can force me to depart  
no power can force me to depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see Him there  
who made an end of all my sin.**

**Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me  
to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!  
My perfect, sinless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I Am,  
the King of glory and of grace.**

**One with the Lord, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is safe with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God  
with Christ my Saviour and my God.**

**I bow before the cross of Christ  
and marvel at this love divine,  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
to make me righteous in God's eyes.**

**This river's depths I cannot know,  
but I can glory in its flood:  
the Lord most high has bowed down low  
and poured on me His glorious love  
and poured on me His glorious love.**

**Charitie Lees Bancroft 1841-1923**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**