

# **Morning Service**

**Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Mr Fraser Nicholson**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery  
in the dawning of the king.**

**He the theme of Heaven's praises,  
robed in frail humanity.**

**In our longing, in our darkness,  
now, the light of life has come.**

**Look to Christ who condescended  
took on flesh to ransom us.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery,  
He is the perfect son of man.  
In His living, in His suffering  
never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam  
come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment  
of the law in Him, we stand.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ, the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
hangs the lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption,  
see the Father's plan unfold,  
bringing many sons to glory,  
grace unmeasured, love untold.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery,  
slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,  
praise the Lord, He is alive.  
What a foretaste of deliverance,  
how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected,  
as we will be when He comes.**

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**Prayer**

# Children's Talk

**Noah built the most enormous boat  
that kept the birds and animals afloat.  
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong  
and Noah lived his life for Him.**

**Moses led his people through the sea,  
taking them away from slavery.  
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong  
and Moses lived his life for Him.**

**Oh thank You, oh thank You  
that all through history You were faithful.  
Thank You, oh thank You  
that You are just the same  
when it comes to me,  
when it comes to me.**

**David fought Goliath and he won.  
A humble shepherd boy became a king.  
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong  
and David lived his life for Him.**

**Daniel was inside a lion's den  
but God brought him to safety once again.  
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong  
and Daniel lived his life for Him.**

**Oh thank You, oh thank You  
that all through history You were faithful.  
Thank You, oh thank You  
that You are just the same  
when it comes to me,  
when it comes to me.**

**Jesus died to take away our sin  
so we could get to know our God again.  
The Lord is good, the Lord is strong  
and we will live our lives for Him.**

**Oh thank You, oh thank You  
that all through history You were faithful.  
Thank You, oh thank You  
that You are just the same  
when it comes to me,  
when it comes to me.**

**Becky Drake**

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*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**Comfort, comfort my  
people, says your God.**

**<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to  
Jerusalem,**

**and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is  
pardoned,  
that she has received from  
the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.**

## *Isaiah 40:1-11*

**<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:**

**“In the wilderness prepare  
the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the  
desert a highway for our  
God.**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**4 Every valley shall be lifted  
up,  
and every mountain and  
hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall  
become level,  
and the rough places a  
plain.**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the  
LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it  
together,  
for the mouth of  
the LORD has spoken.”**

***Isaiah 40:1-11***

**⁂ A voice says, “Cry!”**

**And I said, “What shall I  
cry?”**

**All flesh is grass,**

**and all its beauty is like  
the flower of the field.**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**7 The grass withers, the  
flower fades  
when the breath of  
the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are  
grass.**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the  
flower fades,  
but the word of our God  
will stand for ever.**

## *Isaiah 40:1-11*

**⁹ Get you up to a high  
mountain,**

**O Zion, herald of good  
news;**

**lift up your voice with  
strength,**

**O Jerusalem, herald of  
good news;**

**lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD  
comes with might,  
and his arm rules for  
him;  
behold, his reward is with  
him,  
and his recompense  
before him.**

## *Isaiah 40:1-11*

**11 He will tend his flock like  
a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs  
in his arms;  
he will carry them in his  
bosom,  
and gently lead those  
that are with young.**

**Prayer**

**The Spirit breathes upon the word  
and brings the truth to sight;  
precepts and promises afford  
a sanctifying light.**

**A glory gilds the sacred page,  
majestic, like the sun;  
it gives a light to every age;  
it gives, but borrows none.**

**The hand that gave it still supplies  
the gracious light and heat;  
His truths upon the nations rise;  
they rise, but never set.**

**All thanks to Him whose voice divine  
this radiant word has given,  
which makes a world of darkness shine  
with daylight born of heaven.**

**My soul rejoices to pursue  
the steps of Him I love,  
till glory breaks upon my view  
in brighter worlds above.**

**William Cowper 1731-1800**

A sunset over a desert landscape with sand dunes. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun, creating a gradient from bright yellow to deep orange. The sand dunes in the foreground are silhouetted against the bright sky, showing their undulating shapes. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

# ISAIAH

Strength for Today and  
Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Isaiah 40:1-11

Fraser Nicholson

**Prayer**

**God of grace, amazing wonder,  
irresistible and free.**

**Oh, the miracle of mercy;**

**Jesus reaches down to me.**

**God of grace, I stand in wonder,**

**as my God restores my soul:**

**His own blood has paid my ransom;**

**awesome cost to make me whole.**

**God of grace who loved and knew me  
long before the world began;  
sent my Saviour down from heaven:  
perfect God and perfect man.**

**God of grace, I trust in Jesus,  
I'm accepted as His own.**

**Ev'ry day new grace sustains me,  
as I lean on Him alone.**

**God of grace, I stand astounded,  
cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded  
and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory,  
where one day I'll see Your face;  
and forever I'll adore You  
in Your everlasting grace.**

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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

**Unlimited, unrivalled but not  
uninterested**

**Isaiah 40:12-31**

**Mr Fraser Nicholson**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning**  
**our song of praise shall be;**  
**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**  
**God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore You,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea,  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before You,  
You were and are, and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy!**  
**Though the darkness hide You,**  
**though the eye of sinful man**  
**Your glory may not see,**  
**You alone are holy;**  
**there is none beside You,**  
**perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All Your works shall praise Your Name,  
in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!**

**Reginald Heber 1783-1826**

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**Prayer**

**O great God of highest heav'n,  
occupy my lowly heart.**

**Own it all and reign supreme,  
conquer every rebel pow'r.**

**Let no vice or sin remain  
that resists Your holy war.**

**You have loved and purchased me,  
make me Yours forever more.**

**I was blinded by my sin,  
had no ears to hear Your voice,  
did not know Your love within,  
had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life,  
opened up Your Word to me  
through the gospel of Your Son,  
gave me endless hope and peace.**

**Help me now to live a life  
that's dependent on Your grace,  
keep my heart and guard my soul  
from the evils that I face.**

**You are worthy to be praised  
with my every thought and deed.**

**O great God of highest heav'n,  
glorify Your Name through me.**

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## ***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the  
waters in the hollow of his  
hand**

**and marked off the  
heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the  
earth in a measure**

**and weighed the  
mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**13 Who has measured the  
Spirit of the LORD,  
or what man shows him  
his counsel?**

**14 Whom did he consult,  
and who made him  
understand?**

*Isaiah 40:12-31*

**Who taught him the path of  
justice,  
and taught him  
knowledge,  
and showed him the  
way of understanding?**

## *Isaiah 40:12-31*

**15 Behold, the nations are  
like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as  
the dust on the scales;  
behold, he takes up the  
coastlands like fine dust.**

## ***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**<sup>16</sup> Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,  
nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.**

**<sup>17</sup> All the nations are as nothing before him,  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**18 To whom then will you  
liken God,  
or what likeness  
compare with him?**

**19 An idol! A craftsman  
casts it,  
and a goldsmith  
overlays it with gold  
and casts for it silver  
chains.**

## *Isaiah 40:12-31*

<sup>20</sup> He who is too  
impoverished for an  
offering  
chooses wood that will  
not rot;  
he seeks out a skilful  
craftsman  
to set up an idol that will  
not move.

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**21 Do you not know? Do  
you not hear?**

**Has it not been told you  
from the beginning?**

**Have you not  
understood from the  
foundations of the earth?**

## *Isaiah 40:12-31*

**22 It is he who sits above  
the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants  
are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the  
heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a  
tent to dwell in;**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**23 who brings princes to  
nothing,  
and makes the rulers of  
the earth as emptiness.**

## ***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**24 Scarcely are they  
planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem  
taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them,  
and they wither,  
and the tempest carries  
them off like stubble.**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**25 To whom then will you  
compare me,  
that I should be like  
him? says the Holy One.**

## ***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**26 Lift up your eyes on high  
and see:**

**who created these?**

**He who brings out their host  
by number,**

**calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his  
might,**

**and because he is strong  
in power**

**not one is missing.**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**27 Why do you say, O  
Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from  
the LORD,  
and my right is  
disregarded by my God”?**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**28 Have you not known?  
Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting  
God,  
the Creator of the ends  
of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow  
weary;  
his understanding is  
unsearchable.**

***Isaiah 40:12-31***

**29 He gives power to the faint,**

**and to him who has no  
might he increases  
strength.**

**30 Even youths shall faint  
and be weary,**

**and young men shall fall  
exhausted;**

## *Isaiah 40:12-31*

**31 but they who wait for  
the LORD shall renew their  
strength;**

**they shall mount up with  
wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be  
weary;**

**they shall walk and not  
faint.**

**The heavens declare Your glory, Lord!  
In every star Your wisdom shines;  
but when we see Your holy word,  
we read Your name in clearer lines.**

**The rolling sun, the changing skies,  
and night and day, Your power confess;  
but Scripture, to our opened eyes,  
reveals Your justice and Your grace.**

**Sun, moon and stars convey Your praise  
to all the earth, and never stand;  
so when Your truth began its race,  
it touched and glanced on every land.**

**Nor shall Your spreading gospel rest  
till through the world Your truth has run;  
till Christ has all the nations blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.**

**Great Sun of righteousness, arise  
and bless the world with heavenly light!  
Your gospel makes the simple wise,  
Your laws are pure,  
Your judgements right.**

**Your noblest wonders here we view  
in souls renewed and sins forgiven:  
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew  
and make Your word  
my guide to heaven.**

**Isaac Watts 1674-1748**

A sunset over a desert landscape with sand dunes. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the dunes. The word "ISAIAH" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

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Isaiah 40:12-31

Fraser Nicholson

**Prayer**

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;  
a glimpse of glory  
now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make His will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world  
has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!**

**Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,  
when I behold His face!**

**When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied,  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.**

**Stuart Townend & Mark Edwards**

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and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**