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| Isaiah 40: 1-11Selection A10 | **A Reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah****Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.****Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and proclaim to her** **that her service has ended, that her guilt is expiated,** **that she has received from the hand of the LORD** **double for all her sins.****A voice proclaims:** **in the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!****Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!****Every valley shall be lifted up,** **every mountain and hill made low;** **the rugged land shall be a plain,** **the rough country, a broad valley.****Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,** **and all flesh shall see it together;** **for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.****A voice says, “Proclaim!”****I answer, “What shall I proclaim?”****“All flesh is grass,** **and all their loyalty like the flower of the field.****The grass withers, the flower wilts,** **when the breath of the LORD blows upon it.”*****Continued on the Next Page*****“Yes, the people is grass!****The grass withers, the flower wilts,** **but the word of our God stands forever.”****Go up onto a high mountain,****Zion, herald of good news!****Cry out at the top of your voice,** **Jerusalem, herald of good news!****Cry out, do not fear!****Say to the cities of Judah:** **Here is your God!** **Here comes with power** **the Lord GOD,** **who rules by his strong arm;** **here is his reward with him,** **his recompense before him.** **Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;** **in his arms he gathers the lambs,** **carrying them in his bosom,** **leading the ewes with care.****The Word of the Lord** |