

400 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
 2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
 3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
 4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
 5 For the love of my friends and kin I will



go to the house of God." And now our feet are
 cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
 praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
 peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
 bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own



stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
 gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
 Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

Psalm 122 is among the most joyful of the pilgrimage psalms, because it sings of finally reaching Jerusalem, the home of the Temple. This rejoicing spills over into prayers for peace inspired perhaps by the placename Jerusalem, from roots meaning "to establish peace" (*shalom*).