

## SIMPLER LITURGY | WEEK OF APRIL 5

Hello! And thanks for using this Simpler Liturgy for your gathered or daily worship.

Our Simpler Liturgy is one rhythm each of “READ, PRAY, SING.” It’s geared to help you do Family Worship with younger kids who have short attention spans, but it’s also great if you are less inclined or able to use technology during this time.

Here is a [link to the youtube playlist for this week](#). Each week’s song will be a hymn in case you’d rather just sing it without accompaniment. Enjoy worshipping today!

### READ:

#### *Psalm 122*

“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

And now here we are, standing inside your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is a well-built city; its seamless walls cannot be breached.

All the tribes of Israel - the Lord’s people - make their pilgrimage here.

They come to give thanks to the name of the Lord, as the law requires Israel.

Here stand the thrones from where judgment is given, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper.

O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls and prosperity in your palaces.

For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “May you have peace.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem.”

### PRAY:

We need God’s help to hope. We need His help to not only remember the truth that can cheer us on our way, but to experience it as well. Take a few minutes to silently pray:

- Take your deepest fears to God. Ask Him to help you understand the hope the gospel gives you specifically, right here and now.
- Ask Him to give that hope a home in you, along with a peace that outweighs even the worst of your fears.

If you’d like, feel free to also pray the guided prayer below:

“Father God,

Hope and cheer seem far off in this season.

Sometimes they even seem wrong to want or feel.

You tell us that there is a time for everything -

a time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

But you also show us in Your Word that hope is meant for all times, especially when it seems far off.

You cheer us on to finish the race in front of us, especially when it gets hard.

Help us to set our sights on Jesus today.

Help us marvel that His work of joining and building us together into His dwelling place doesn't stop even when the world seems to be screeching to a halt.

Help us have a sense of wonder that You are with us,  
that Your Spirit lives in us and unites us to Yourself and to each other  
even when we are separated and stuck in our homes.

And help us face uncertainty and danger with the certainty of peace.

We thank you, God, for making peace with us through Jesus and for giving us a home with You forever.  
Amen."

Based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Psalm 42:5 & 8, Philippians 3:14-16, and Hebrews 12:1-2

**SING:**

["All I Have Is Christ" from YouTube playlist](#)