

Responsive Reading:

A PSALM of MOURNING

And the hope Christ brings

**I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that
God would listen to me!**

O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long?

**When I was in deep trouble, I searched for
the Lord. All night long I prayed, with
hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul
was not comforted. I think of God, and I
moan, overwhelmed with longing for his
help.**

O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long?

**You don't let me sleep. I am too
distressed even to pray! I think of the
good old days, long since ended, when
my nights were filled with joyful songs. I
search my soul and ponder the difference
now.**

O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long?

Has the Lord rejected me forever?

*He says, "Surely I am coming soon!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

**Will he never again be kind to me?
Is his unfailing love gone forever?
Have his promises permanently failed?
Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he slammed the door on his
compassion?**

O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long?

**O LORD, how long will you forget me?
Forever?**

*He says, "Surely I am coming soon!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

How long will you look the other way?

*He says, "Surely I am coming soon!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

**How long must I struggle with anguish in
my soul, with sorrow in my heart every
day?**

*He says, "Surely I am coming soon!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

**Weeping may last through the night,
but joy comes with the morning!**

*He says, "Surely I am coming soon!"
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

Come, Lord Jesus!

TOGETHER: Come, Lord Jesus!