|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Wisdom 3:1-9Selection A4(Long Form) | **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom****The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,**  **and no torment shall touch them.****They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;** **and their passing away was thought an affliction** **and their going forth from us, utter destruction.** **But they are in peace.** **For if to others, indeed, they seem punished,** **yet is their hope full of immortality;** **chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,** **because God tried them** **and found them worthy of himself.** **As gold in the furnace, he proved them,** **and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.** **In the time of their judgment they shall shine** **and dart about as sparks through stubble;**  **they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,** **and the LORD shall be their King forever.** **Those who trust in him shall understand truth,** **and the faithful shall abide with him in love:** **because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,** **and his care is with the elect.****The Word of the Lord** |