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| Wisdom 4:7-14Selection A5 | **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom****The righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest.****For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing**  **of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years.****Rather, understanding passes for gray hair,** **and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.****The one who pleased God was loved,** **living among sinners, was transported —** **snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind** **or deceit beguile his soul;** **for the witchery of paltry things**  **obscures what is right** **and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while,** **he reached the fullness of a long career;** **for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,** **therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.****But the people saw and did not understand,** **nor did they take that consideration into account.****The Word of the Lord** |