

Wisdom

4:7-15

Selection C4

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**The just man, 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 is the hoary crown for men,****and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.****He who pleased God was loved;****He who lived 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 this into account.****The Word of the Lord**