Refrain:

God has found the righteous worthy
and their hope is full of immortality.

1 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish, they seem to have died, but they are at peace.

3 For though, in the sight of others, they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

4 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy.

5 Like gold in the furnace, God tried them and, like a sacrificial burnt offering, accepted them.

6 In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble.

7 They will govern nations and rule over peoples and God will reign over them for ever.

Wisdom 3.1-2a,3b-8

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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