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INTRO  Warmly, with rubato (\( \text{q} = \text{ca. 80} \))

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REFRAIN: All
(a tempo)
Soprano mf

In the hands of God are the souls of the righteous.

Baritone mf

Cmaj7 F Dm7

The love of God.

G7 F/A G/B C sus4 C C/B Asus2 Am/A/G B7/F E7 Am

tor-ment shall ever assault them.

In the arms of God, the love of God,

they are at peace.

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VERSÉS 1, 2: Cantor

1. In our eyes they are now vanished, but our God, he holds them
2. In God’s Kingdom death is conquered; grief and tears are wiped a-

Fadd9

Fadd9

C/E

C/E

VERSE 3: Cantor/Choir

3. Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Blessed are those who

Fadd9

Dm7

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3. They will find rest from their labors,

live with the Lord.

They will find refuge for their souls, and be at peace.

3. peace, and be at peace, at peace.

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FINAL REFRAIN: All

Unison

In the hands of God are the souls of the righteous. No__

Cmaj7 F Dm7

Descant

In the arms of God, the love of God, __

torment shall ever assail them. In the arms of God, the love of God, __

G7 F/A G/B C sus4 C C/B A sus4 Am Am/G B7/F E7 Am

__ they are at peace, __ they are at peace.__

__ they are at peace, __ they are at peace.__

F G sus4 G C add9 F add9 G sus4 G7 C

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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(Piano)

\begin{align*}
\text{Cmaj7} & \quad \text{F} \\
\text{Dm7} & \quad \text{Gsus4} \quad \text{G} \quad \text{E/G}\# \\
\text{F/A} & \quad \text{G/B}
\end{align*}

REFRAIN: All  \((a \text{ tempo})\)

\begin{align*}
\text{C} & \quad \text{mf} \quad \text{Cmaj7} \\
\text{F} & \quad \text{Dm7} \quad \text{G7} \quad \text{F/A} \quad \text{Gb} \quad \text{C7} \quad \text{Cadd9} \quad \text{Fadd9} \quad \text{Gsus4} \quad \text{G} \quad \text{C}
\end{align*}

In the hands of God are the souls of the righteous. ___ No ___

torment shall ever assail them. In the arms of God, the love of God, ___

they are at peace, they are at peace.

VERSES 1, 2: Cantor

\begin{align*}
\text{Fadd9} & \quad \text{mf} \quad \text{C/E} \quad \text{Fadd9} \\
\text{C/E} & \quad \text{Cm/EB} \quad \text{D7}
\end{align*}

1. In our eyes they are now vanished, but our God, he holds them dear.

2. In God’s Kingdom death is conquered; grief and tears are wiped away.

In our lives they are far from us, in God’s Dwelling all find comfort

\begin{align*}
\text{Cm/EB} & \quad \text{D} \quad \text{Gsus4} \quad \text{G} \quad \text{F/G} \quad \text{Em/G} \quad \text{Dm/G} \\
\text{rit.} & \quad \text{D.S.}
\end{align*}

1. yet to God, they are so near.

2. when we see God face to face.

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VERSE 3: Cantor/Choir

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Fadd9

mp

poco a poco cres.

Dm7

Dm7/F

3. Bless-ed are those who die in the Lord. Bless-ed are those who live with the Lord.

C/G

Fadd9

C/G

3. They will find rest from their labors. They will find refuge for their souls.

Fadd9

Dm

G

E/G# E7sus4 E/G#

F/A

G/B

C

3. souls, and be at peace, and be at peace.

FINAL REFRAIN: All

In the hands of God are the souls of the righteous. No torment shall ever assail them. In the arms of God, the love of God.

G7

F/A

G/B

Csus4 C

C/B

Asus4 Am

Am/G

B7/F E7 Am

they are at peace, they are at peace.
Composer Notes

The idea for this piece first came to me while attending a Remembrance Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The first reading was from the Book of Wisdom. Death is an affront to our innate desire for self-preservation, but to the Christian, it must also be seen as a coming home into the fullness of God’s plan for us—one where there is no pain and suffering, and where all find peace and rest. The piece also draws from Revelation, where those who die in the Lord are truly blessed. While the third verse uses full choir, it works equally well with just a single voice taking the melody.

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Refrain

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Verses 1, 2

1. In our eyes they are now vanished, but our grief and tears are wiped away. In our lives they are far from us, yet to God, they are so near.

2. In God's Kingdom death is conquered; in God's Dwelling all find comfort when we see God face to face.

Verse 3

3. Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Blessed are those who live with the Lord. They will find rest from their labors.

3. They will find refuge for their souls, and be at peace, and be at peace.

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