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| Ecclesiastes  3: 1-8  Selection A3  (Short Form) | **A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**  **There is an appointed time for everything,**  **and a time for every affair under the heavens.**  **A time to give birth, and a time to die;**  **a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.**  **A time to kill, and a time to heal;**  **a time to tear down, and a time to build.**  **A time to weep, and a time to laugh;**  **a time to mourn, and a time to dance.**  **A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;**  **a time to embrace,**  **and a time to be far from embraces.**  **A time to seek, and a time to lose;**  **a time to keep, and a time to cast away.**  **A time to rend, and a time to sew;**  **a time to be silent, and a time to speak.**  **A time to love, and a time to hate;**  **a time of war, and a time of peace.**  **The Word of the Lord** |