

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**