

God has made everything appropriate to its time.

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 be born, 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 time to cast away.
A time to rend, and time to sew;
a time to be silent and time to speak.
A time to love, and time to hate;
a time of war, and time of peace.

God has made everything appropriate to its time
but has put the timeless into their hearts
so they cannot find out, from beginning to end,
the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord.