

## Sunday Service

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Wisdom for living in a mixed up world (3) A time for everything, but what lasts?



#### Opening Prayer

Lord God, without you we are lost and unable to please you: mercifully give us your Holy Spirit, that in our praise and prayers we place Jesus at the centre, and live for your glory. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

#### Bible reading

<sup>1</sup>There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

<sup>5</sup>a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

<sup>6</sup>a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,

<sup>8</sup>a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

<sup>13</sup>That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

<sup>15</sup>Whatever is has already been,  
and what will be has been before;  
and God will call the past to account.

<sup>16</sup>And I saw something else under the sun:  
In the place of judgment—wickedness was there,  
in the place of justice—wickedness was there.

<sup>17</sup>I said to myself,  
“God will bring into judgment  
both the righteous and the wicked,  
for there will be a time for every activity,  
a time to judge every deed.”

Ecclesiastes 3 : 1 - 17

**Reflection :** A time for everything, but what lasts?

Paul Savvides

#### A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with all those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort knowing nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Final prayer**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love new every day in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

Lord God, hold us firm in our mixed-up world, and help us to know your peace and your presence, no matter what life throws at us.

And now may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever more. Amen.