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Christmas 2

a long journey

THERE IS TIME...

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First Reading ~ *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Second Reading ~ *Luke 2:16-24*

So [the Shepherds] went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived.

When the time came for their purification, according to the law of Moses, the couple took Jesus [Yeshua] up to Jerusalem to present him to God. For it is written in the law of our God, 'Every firstborn heir is to be consecrated to God.' They offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of our God, "a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons."