

## **Friday**

**Read** [Mark 15: 6 - 15](#)

**Consider** what colours you imagine as you read the story, and which colour is most prominent? How does that colour make you feel? On your Holy Week chart colour the first square with the prominent colour and note your feeling.

### **Reflection**

We have all watched pictures of mob mentality and heard the suggestions that there were plants in the crowd who were orchestrating events. When I read this passage I feel Pilate's discomfort and unease at the way things were going but maybe his hands were tied by the law. It is perhaps a pivotal moment in the story, perhaps things could have gone differently, why did the crowd call for Barabbas and how did they know his name, it does seem likely that a few voices may have started the chant. I also reflect that any one of us can be caught up in a situation where it is difficult to stand against the crowd even though we know what is happening is wrong, but we are called to put love before all else. We can be quick to judge situations but we need to be aware that everything is not always as it seems and we need to ask the questions that will lead to understanding so that we can act in love.

### **Prayer**

Loving God, it can be hard to stand out from the crowd and take responsibility for sharing love amidst the swell of fear. As we journey through life may we be strong enough to question situations and circumstances, and brave enough to stand firm when we see fear breeding injustice and speak the truth in love. Amen.