

Saturday

Read [Mark 15: 42 - 46](#)

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

Mark does not write much of what happens after the crucifixion but in this passage we read of the placing of Jesus in the tomb. The rolling of the stone across the entrance marks the end, the sealing of the tomb is the closest we get to the feeling of utter desolation that must have come upon those we loved Jesus and who had spent three years preparing for a new beginning. When we stop and think about this, we may draw into our own memories of desolation from either our own experience of loss, or that of loved ones. There are times when it is hard to see beyond the darkness of our situation, but we know the end of this story is not the sealed tomb, it is not the darkness, and in our own experiences we need to remember that light does overcome the dark and love will overcome fear.

Prayer

Eternal God ever present around us and within us, when fear had sucked the light from life may we sense your presence holding us gently until our strength returns. May we never forget that death is not the end and the story continues; with each new day there is a new dawn and with each evening an opportunity to reflect and let go, releasing ourselves from guilt in the graciousness of your love. As we pause on the threshold of Easter, we offer you our past regrets, and await with new hope and commitment the dawn of tomorrow in your kingdom of love. Amen.