

## JOURNEYING THROUGH HOLY WEEK TO EASTER WITH MARK'S GOSPEL

### SATURDAY 03 April 2021

Focus your attention on God and become aware again of God's presence with you, and of joining with other worshippers (as in the Introduction to this series).

Thank God for bringing you safely to this day. Ask God to inspire you.

Then read these passages, paying attention to them as you do. What catches your imagination? What puzzles you? How do they make you feel?

#### **Mark 15:47 – 16:1 (NRSV)**

<sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

#### **Reflection**

This is the day when nothing happens. From Friday evening to Saturday evening it is the sabbath, when work and activity are not allowed.

All people could do – all we can do – is dwell on what has happened; try to make sense of it all; and wonder what the implications are of it all. It is hard for us to do that. Was it perhaps easier for them? It is all too easy for us to try to forget about it all for at least a day.

Above all, though, all we can do is wait on God, and try to ensure that we are ready for whatever God might do.

As soon as the first star has come out after sunset, the sabbath is over, and the shops have reopened. The women go to buy spices so that they can do what they were unable to do the day before, and tend his body and prepare it for the tomb. Once they have bought them, though, it is too dark to do anything at the tomb.

*Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.*

*O Lord, hear my voice!*

*I wait for the Lord,*

*my soul waits,*

*and in his word I hope.*

*Psalm 130: 1-2a; 5*

#### **Prayer**

Living God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
as the crucified body of your dear Son  
was laid in the tomb and waited on this holy day,  
grant that we may wait with him for the stirring of your Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Book of Common Prayer (adapted)*

#### **The Lord's Prayer**