

Session 4 Crucifixion and burial

Ash Wednesday/Lent collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Background knowledge

Consider how these Old Testament passages have influenced the Gospel writers and Jesus himself:

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
⁵To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
⁸'Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

Psalm 69:20-21

Insults have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none;
and for comforters, but I found none.

²¹They gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Amos 8:9

On that day, says the Lord GOD,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

Exodus 40:20-21

²⁰He took the covenant and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark, and set the mercy-seat above the ark; ²¹and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the curtain for screening, and screened the ark of the covenant; as the LORD had commanded Moses.



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem. According to ancient tradition the church is built over Golgotha and Jesus' tomb. Originally it stood outside the city walls.

Key events and questions

- Mocking by soldiers
- On the way to Golgotha – Simon of Cyrene, Jesus' lament for the women of Jerusalem
- Golgotha – offering of wine, the sign 'The King of the Jews'
- Mocking by passers by and by Jewish leaders (and Roman soldiers)
- The two robbers (one who was penitent)
- Death – cry from the cross, temple curtain, darkness, the centurion's words
- Joseph of Arimathea collects Jesus' body, the women watch see where he was buried

Questions: Gooder page pages 168-169

Final prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen