

“As you are able

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would you please rise for the reading of the Gospel?" is what the lector forgets to say before she begins

reading the verses from Mark this second Sunday after Easter. A few of us who are paying attention to tradition

or to the asterisk in the bulletin begin to wobble to our feet. Maybe one goody-two-shoes stands up strong to

make a statement, but most of us wait, chagrined by the sliding eyes and wavering postures around us and in us, by our

failure to remember, until we rise together in honor of the resurrection.