

# **“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.