

Dear all,

Tomorrow is the 2nd Sunday of Easter. It has also traditionally been called 'White Sunday' and 'Low Sunday'. 'White Sunday' was called because it was the last day of the 'Octave' of Easter, during which the newly baptised (Easter traditionally being the time for Baptism) finished their post-baptism instruction. During this time, they wore their baptism robes of white, so 'White Sunday' was the last day before normal attire was resumed. 'Low Sunday' is not so obvious a meaning. Most scholars believe the name evolved from 'Laud Sunday' or 'Praise Sunday'. It is the first word of a hymn sung before the Gospel reading. Others suspect that 'Low Sunday' might have developed from 'Close Sunday,' referring to the close of Easter Week festivities.

My favourite, however, is 'Quasimodo Sunday' after the Latin phrase from the introit, a short prayer assigned to the day's services. The Latin version of this prayer begins, *Quasi modo geniti*, meaning "As newborn babes," a phrase taken from 1 Peter 2:2. Unfortunately, a totally different picture comes to my mind!

A reminder that tomorrow is our Annual Church Meeting, where we elect Church Wardens and PCC members. This session is going to be particularly important as we will be facing important issues regarding the future of the church. Major decisions will soon be discussed by the PCC, which I will outline in my Vicar's report. Again, I would put out a plea for more members to join the PCC to be involved in these discussions.

I would also reiterate that I would be grateful if any questions relating to the reports and minutes circulated could be raised prior to the meeting, so that we can deal with them in a more informed way. Also, if you have Any Other Business, it would be useful to have this in advance.

The lectionary readings for tomorrow are: Exodus 14:10-31,15:20-21; Acts 5:27-32; and John 20.19-31. The Psalm is Psalm 150.

The hymns for the service are [Light's glittering morn - YouTube](#), [If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death - YouTube](#) and [Love's Redeeming Work is Done \(Tune: Savannah - 5vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Anglican Chant [Psalm 150, 'O praise God in His holiness' - YouTube](#)

And a very interesting modern take [Psalm 150 \(Praise the Lord\) Live from Sing! '21 - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell - YouTube](#)

And in Hebrew [Psalm 118 sung in Hebrew - תהלים קיח - אָוֶדֶךְ \[NEW HALLEL TUNE\] - YouTube](#)

A fascinating Hebrew version with traditional and modern instruments (and a bit of a 'punk' vibe!), [AMAZING Israeli band performing PSALM 150 in HEBREW! - YouTube](#)

Anthems suggested for the lectionary readings include:

[Surgens Jesus - YouTube](#) by Monteverdi

[Surgens Jesus - Peter Philips, John Rutter, The Cambridge Singers - YouTube](#) (the same words – different composer)

[Jesus Came When The Doors Were Shut - YouTube](#) by Thomas Tomkins

[Harmonia Chamber Singers: I Know My Redeemer Liveth - Cecilia McDowall - YouTube](#)



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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