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n.

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[Middle English *whitsonday*, from Old English *hwīta sunnandæg*, White Sunday (from the white ceremonial robes worn on this day) : *hwīt*, white; see [WHITE](#) + *sunnandæg*, Sunday; see [SUNDAY](#).]

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