

# St. Andrew's Signpost

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## May 2024

### Calendar

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Ladies AA at 12:00 noon

May 5 - Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

May 12 - Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

May 16 - Bishop's Committee at 3:00 p.m.

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

*(Please wear red today)* A group picture will be taken following the service

May 26 - Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

### May Vicar's Vagaries

During the Easter season, the lectionary steps away from the Gospel of Mark until the Second Sunday after Pentecost., because it lacks the post-resurrection stories familiar to us in some of the other gospels.

And it's a shame, really, because we find ourselves, in a way, in very much the same circumstances of that earliest Church of Mark.

#### 1. The consolation and the “victory” some of us embrace in the Empty Tomb Narrative may not have been as clear to these early believers.

- Mark contains an **abrupt ending** of the resurrection story, where the women discover the empty tomb and encounter a young man who tells them that Jesus has risen. The women flee in fear and do not share the news with anyone. The irony lies in the fact that Mark's Gospel, which emphasizes the mystery and awe of the resurrection, is missing from the Easter lectionary. Instead, we just roll through the vignettes leading to an Ascension and a moment when the Apostles are infused with the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room.



## 2. The Theme of Fear and Silence:

- Mark's Gospel highlights the theme of **fear and silence** among the disciples and witnesses. The women at the tomb are afraid to speak, and the disciples struggle to comprehend the resurrection.
- Fear doesn't presume weakness of Faith. To the contrary, Fear makes sense when we realize the full implications of Call, Faith, and Mission.
- By excluding Mark, the lectionary misses an opportunity to engage with this theme during the Easter season.

## 3. The Urgency of the Good News:

- Mark's Gospel is characterized by its **urgency**. Events unfold rapidly, and there is a sense of immediacy. The omission of Mark means that the lectionary may lose this urgency, especially in the context of proclaiming the resurrection—a message that demands swift and enthusiastic sharing.

## 4. The Role of Women as Witnesses:

- In Mark's account, it is **women** who first encounter the risen Christ. Their role as witnesses is significant, especially in a cultural context where women's testimony was often dismissed. By excluding Mark, the lectionary misses an opportunity to highlight the importance of women in the resurrection narrative.

## 5. The Mystery of the "Young Man":

- Mark's Gospel refers to the figure at the tomb as a "**young man**" rather than an angel. This mysterious character adds to the enigmatic quality of the resurrection account. By omitting Mark, the lectionary may overlook this intriguing detail.

## 6. The Call to Proclaim the Gospel:

- Despite the women's fear and silence, the young man instructs them to "**go and tell**" the disciples about the resurrection. This call to proclaim the Gospel is central to Mark's narrative. By excluding Mark, the lectionary may miss emphasizing the mission of sharing the good news.

While Mark's resurrection account is brief and enigmatic, it invites us to come to terms with a life-giving fear, silence, urgency, and the role of / and AS witnesses. Its omission invites reflection on what is gained and lost when certain perspectives are emphasized or left out during this sacred season.

## Outreach Report

Kathy reported the Outreach Committee met and discussed the individuals whose lives have been touched by leftover treats and birthday cards. On Palm Sunday, Judy will share a brochure from Doctors Without Borders to remind people of the reality of international needs. The committee discussed a third parishioner in need. Working with Dr. Gray and CVCN nurse, Suzan Z., Kathy has done the preliminary work to have Adult Aging help with the extreme need. Additional needs are being worked on. One last need is for someone to walk Abbey at least once a day. We need help with/volunteers who love dogs so we can have an actual working schedule.

Judy, Jane, and Susan reported that the Food Bank had prepared 97 boxes on Saturday and 127 on Tuesday. The need remains constant. There are plans for updating/expanding the structure housing the Food Bank as Chelan Valley Hope has a funded expansion plan. They currently share the space.

## In Memory of JoAnne Taxelius

JoAnne Taxelius passed away on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at the age of 92. She died at home with her family in Grants Pass, Oregon. JoAnne was a long-time member of Saint Andrews Episcopal Church in Chelan before moving to Oregon to be closer to her family. JoAnne was born in Cotter, Arkansas, a small ranching/farming community before migrating west to Seattle, Washington with her sisters as a young woman.

JoAnne was known for her consistent support of her family and friends and was loved by all who knew her. She was heavily involved in the communities she lived in with devotion to the local churches and other charitable organizations.

JoAnne was preceded in death by her husband Thomas in 2019, who was inurned in the Saint Andrews Columbarium. During their marriage, she and Thomas lived in Pennsylvania, Idaho, Colorado, and Oregon before retiring along Lake Chelan. She is survived by her son Robert of La Pine, Oregon, Teri Colvin of Grants Pass, Oregon, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A private service is being planned for the near future when she also will be inurned at the Saint Andrews Columbarium.



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