

Holy Week 2021



AECST
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Palm
Sunday

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) - March 28th

Following the 9:00 AM Virtual Worship on our Facebook, Website or YouTube channels, come to receive your Palms during our Outside Liturgy of the Palms and Procession, 11:00 AM-12 Noon (If weather is inclement, palms will be distributed via Drive-Thru.)

Maundy Thursday 'Telephonic' Nightwatch Vigil

Thursday, April 1st- 8:00 pm
until Friday, April 2nd at 12 noon

You're invited! Join The AECST
Order of the Daughters of the King
for a Maundy Thursday
'Telephonic' Nightwatch Vigil
offered via telephone.

Pray where you are!

Interested? Email your name, phone number,
and time you wish to be called to:

DOK@AECST.ORG, by Monday, March 29th, 5:00 PM.



Good Friday - April 2nd, Noon Stations of the Cross

Service will be viewed virtually only.
(Website, Facebook or YouTube)

THE SUNDAY OF PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
Youth & Young Adults Sunday
March 28, 2021
10:00 AM

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM.

Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:

1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.

IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY:

It is presently uncertain when we will return to worship in the church however planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed the following Committee to discern/guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry. The Co-Chairs are Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, and Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden.

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GOOD FRIDAY
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Resurrection Sunday

April 4, 2021

9:00 AM

Virtual Worship (Facebook, Website or YouTube)

11:00 AM

Holy Communion Distribution; Easter Blessing;
Gift bags to all children



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A large, light green Easter egg is the central focus. A black cross is superimposed on the egg, with a small green vine and leaves wrapped around it. The word 'EASTER' is written in large, black, serif capital letters across the middle of the egg. Below the egg, there are several white lilies with yellow stamens and green leaves. The background is a light, hazy landscape with a path leading towards a bright horizon.

EASTER

He is not here. He has Risen!

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR
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**EASTER SUNDAY
(RESURRECTION SUNDAY)**

April 4th

Following the early morning Virtual Worship on our Facebook, Website or YouTube channels, come 11:00 AM- Noon to receive both Holy Communion distribution and a special Easter Blessing at the altar of our Lord. Parishioners and friends will enter the church at the direction of the Greeters.

EASTER HUNT 2 GO

On Easter Sunday, all children will receive gift bags filled with candy and goodies at Easter Hunt 2 Go.

Sponsored by the Vergers Ministry.

**ST. THOMAS
CIRCLE
OF
PRAYER MINISTRY**

**PLEASE JOIN
US WEEKLY FOR
MONDAY MORNING
PRAYER CALL**

AT 6:30 AM

**THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS:
(605) 313-6361 CODE: 268 105**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND
AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER
REQUEST TO:**

CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG

**PHYLLIS B. CATER * DAPHNE GILSTRAP
FACILITATORS**

**THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW
RECTOR**



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THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Thank you Fr. Shaw, Cynthia Muse, Louise Trotman, Seth Williams, Deborah Binky Seay, the members and all others who continue to participate and support our weekly Circle of Prayer call. We look forward to our next prayer session

Monday, March 29, 2021. We start at 6:30 am.

You are encouraged to reach out to us at circleofprayer@aecst.org to submit prayer request or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, the Prayers for the People, or a Meditation in Song.

The teleconference call number is
605-313-6361: access code is 268105

EASTER FLOWERS

Your gift of Easter Lilies and Altar arrangements will help beautify the church for the Easter Holiday, or be a beautiful tribute to someone you love, a token of Thanksgiving for a blessing received. To order flowers, please return the form with payment to **Clara Mae Daniels**. Mail the form below and checks payable to Altar Guild to: AECST (Attention Altar Guild), 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151

Place Your Order

Easter Lilies Deadline: **Monday, March 29, 2021**

PLEASE PRINT

I would like an Easter Lily @\$20.00 each (5 names per plant)

In Memory of _____ In Thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____ Envelope # _____ Amount \$ _____

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

March 28th

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

The Holy Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15: 47

Week of 3/29/2021

Monday - Mark 11: 12-25

Tuesday - Mark 11: 27-33

Wednesday - Mark 12: 1-11

Thursday - Mark John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - John 18: 1-19:42

Holy Saturday - Mark 16: 1-8

Readings For Resurrection Sunday

April 4th

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

The Holy Gospel: Mark 16: 1-8

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASSES

with Fr. Jay will resume on

April 6, 2021 at 7pm.

Please send your email to:

Fr. Collins at JayCollins@comcast.net or
267-634-6185 to be added to the list.



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The African Episcopal Church
of
St. Thomas
Church School

Calling ALL AECST
Students K-12, Parents
and Teachers

**JOIN US
FOR OUR
VIRTUAL CLASSES
EVERY
SUNDAY @ 12:00 NOON**

**KNOW JESUS.
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

Registration required via email
To RSVP contact Supt. Dottie Archey
(215) 837-6941 or email at churchschool@aecst.org

**Interested in becoming a Church School Teacher?
Contact Dottie Archey to learn more.**

The Very Reverend Canon Fr. Martini Shaw, Rector

**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it"**
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Recovering At Home:

Linda Holmes, Waltier Blocker, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Kenneth Dow, Carl Dean, Verger Stephen Hannum, Suzanne Closson, Carl Dean, Joan Hall, Georgia Sawyer, Adinah Edwards, Tyrone Keller, William Edmonds, Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Francina Norris, Shirley Winkfield, Joseph Stevenson, William Edmonds, Judith Simpkins-Booth.

Rehab Facility:

Robert Brown, Lisa Woodley - Magee Rehab

We Pray For:

Those who are Incarcerated and their families/loved ones, as well as those affected by their actions.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Elizabeth Derr, Timothy and Brandon Barksdale and family on the death of their cousin, **Elzina Roberts**. May the soul of Elzina rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for her two children Conrad Roberts, Cicily Ford and the rest of her family.

I Would Like To Thank My St. Thomas Church Family:

for all the prayers, cards and calls that were made and sent to me, before and after, and during my recovery, from back surgery. I am humble and very appreciative for all the concern that was shown for me. Thank you. God is Good.
William (Bill) Edmonds

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you are someone or know of someone who wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to “About The AECST” drop down and click on Holy Baptism. All the information about baptism and the electronic form can be found there.

THE ALTAR GUILD

is selling 2021 Liturgical Calendars for \$6.00 each. You may purchase and arrange for pick up by calling Clara Mae Daniels at 215-327-6168 or Freda Brockman at 609-841-4799 (after 3pm)

Please Be Advised:

The St. Thomas Thrift Shop is NOT taking donations at this time.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THE WORD OUT! Region 3 is excited to be able to support our community and each other by extending an opportunity to join this amazing FEMA team as a Local Hire in support of our amazing Vaccine Distribution mission.

Please share the link below as far and wide as possible so that we can provide even greater support (and relief!) to our team and the community we serve.

USAJOBS - Job Announcement - Local Hire (Emergency Management Specialist 1 - Non-Medical Vaccine Support Staff)

If you have any questions on the Local Hire program, please reach out to the Admin Section at: R03-RRCC-ASC@fema.dhs.gov.

CHOSEN 300

“Have a Heart for the Homeless / Hungry” Fundraiser

Our 2021 Fundraiser for Chosen 300 will continue in February, Heart month. In 2021, we will provide meals to be served at the Chosen 300 Spring Garden Street site and at the Lancaster Avenue site. Because of our steadfast support the challenges of COVID -19 did not deter us in 2020.

We continued service at both sites!

Checks for donations should be made payable to:

AECST Chosen 300 - with Chosen 300 on the memo line

Mail checks to: St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Avenue,
Phila. PA 19151. Attention: Chosen 300

Use the Givi app, Donate online at www.aecst.org/donations

Questions?: contact scmci@aol.com

FROM THE RECTOR:

There is still time for you to prayerfully submit your 2021 Faithful Giving Card. You may do so by several methods: mail, drop off in the office, on our website online: (aecst.org or Facebook)

If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 10am-1pm Monday-Thursday.

Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP:

Our theme for this year's Stewardship - **"Our Doors Are Open"**

2021 St. Thomas Offering Envelopes are now ready for pick up in Anderson Hall. You may pick them up during Parish Office Hours (M-F 9:00 AM - 4:00PM) by entering through the A.J. House entrance with the ramp.

Please don't forget your mask. If by chance you live in the same neighborhood of a church member who is unable to pick theirs up, perhaps you can pick theirs up and put it in their mail slot or between their doors.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number or email address, please send your changed contact information to Judy Tillman at: tillman_72@msn.com or the church email: 1792@aecst.org so that we can update the church records.

Thank you. "To whom much is given, much is required." Luke 12: 48

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator
6361 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 2) Use the **Givi app**. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi iOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or (**givi Android App**) for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon**, 215-844-6115.
- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday 9am-4pm). After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 4) Church website <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>
Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, Church School, Chosen 300, Easter, etc.

NOTE: Please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas, when filling out your online giving information.

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

**Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of
(10% of our earnings)**

**Where are you on your spiritual journey?
Annual Faithful Giving**

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month.

Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can unsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

Please join us for service on the St. Thomas Website www.aecst.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792> every Sunday morning at 10am.

MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
Parish Vergers	Stephen Hannum	
	Lisa Steward-New	
	Karen Ragland	
Executive Assistant to the Rector	Gladyce DuBrey	1792@aecst.org
Fiscal Assistant to the Rector	Deadra Cannon	
Investments Advisor to the Rector	Albert S. Dandridge, III, Esq	
Fiscal Administrator	Jeannette Jeffrey	fiscal@aecst.org
Sexton	LaDon Elliott	
Asst Sexton	James Brown	
Rector's General Counsel	Joe Tucker, Esq	215.875.0609
Chancel Choir Master	Jay Fluellen, D.M.A.	drjfluellen@gmail.com
Gospel Choir Master	Waltier Blocker	
Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
Church School Superintendent	Dottie Archey	215.474.2815
Memorial Flowers	Alfreda Brockman	
Baptism Co-Chairs	Gail H Harris	215.450.9312
	Patricia Walker-Ellison	215.643.7223
Ed Muse Photography Ministry	William Edmonds	302.502.6375
	Dale Williams	
Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215.477.2672
Scout Pack 133	Arlene Gray	bsapack0133@gmail.com
Sound Ministry	Joe Stevenson	
Transportation Ministry	J Reggie Kimble	610.585.8053
William Burke Ushers Ministry	Brenda Johnson Best	
Parish Webmaster	Gail H Harris	webmanager@aecst.org
Property Chair	Deborah Harrison	215-473-3065

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden - Richard C. Jones
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson

Alister Allman	Albert S. Dandridge	Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson Best	

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom.

St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.
