



AECST

*Celebrating*  
THE  
JESUS MOVEMENT



# Our HOPE is Alive



...those who Hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you.

I remain very concerned about your total health and welfare, as we navigate through these difficult uncharted waters of a pandemic. Listed below are a few immediate ways that our faith community is responding to help you remain spiritually fed and connected.

† - Effective IMMEDIATELY, the church and parish offices will be closed for entry until further notice. The staff however will be on the premises during regular parish office hours, Monday -Wednesday - Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. to receive calls from parishioners who may be experiencing physical, emotional or spiritual challenges. Please contact us, email 1792@aecst.org or call email 1792@aecst.org or call (215) 473-3065, if you need anything or have any concerns. We will direct you to the appropriate person, agency or organization.

† - Our "Reach Out and Touch Ministry" is engaged in reaching out to members who are shut-in or home bound by way of telephone calls.

† - The Clergy are available for telephone counseling. Please contact the Parish Office, (215) 473-3065.

† - Tuesday Evening Bible Study, led by Fr. Jay Collins, 7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. will resume on April 21st. Please send your email address to Greg Allen at camdenmatters@aol.com and Father Jay at jcoll1906@gmail.com to be added to the list. Thanks to our Bishop Daniel G P Gutiérrez and the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, this will occur online using Zoom. Please watch your Spearhead email and Facebook posting for connection information.

Lastly, please remember to check-in on loved ones (family, friends, neighbors, etc.) during this time of uncertainty. And know that we "walk by a Faith" that assures us that we will get through these challenging times together.

May we remain both prayerful and faithful.

## **AECST GIVING**

How Can I still give to the church when I am asked to stay indoors / maintain social distancing?

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 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) Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio.

4) Church website - [Http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm](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, the AJ house, 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.)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020

**Our condolences to Johanna W. Daye on the death of her aunt Tina Silverman, nee Billingsley.** Please keep Johanna, the Billingsley, Silverman and Daye Families in your prayers. May Tina's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory. †

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**Our condolences to Daryn Stewart on death of his aunt, Molly Lane.** Please keep Daryn and the Lane & Stewart Families in your prayers. May Molly's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory. †

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Due to concerns about the Coronavirus and church attendance the following events have been canceled / postponed / suspended:

- All meetings, activities at St. Thomas are suspended until further notice
- Lay Visitors and Clergy Visits suspended until further notice

Please see our Facebook page ([facebook.com/aecst1792](https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792)) or church's website ([aecst.org](http://aecst.org)) for further information.

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**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.

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### 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 place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

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### DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

#### Week of 4/20/2020

Monday - John 14:1-11  
Tuesday - John 17:12-19  
Wednesday - John 17:20-26  
Thursday - Luke 3:1-14  
Friday - Luke 3:15-22  
Saturday - Luke 4:1-13

#### Next Sunday's Readings

- 3rd Sunday of Easter  
First Reading - Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm - 116:1-3, 10-17  
Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-23  
Gospel - John 24:13-35

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**UPCOMING WEEK  
DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
AT THE AECST**

**Sunday, April 19**  
10 AM - Morning Worship

**Monday, April 20**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Tuesday, April 21**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

**Wednesday, April 22**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Thursday, April 23**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Friday, April 24**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Saturday, April 25**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
12PM - Noonday Prayer

## 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 Dr Sadie S Mitchell	
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
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Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
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## THE VESTRY

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

Alister Allman  
Patricia Bantom  
Ronnie Collins  
Albert S. Dandridge

Deborah Harrison  
D. Lynn Joell  
Brenda Johnson-Best

Steven Lewis  
Jonathan Muse  
Darryl (Bobby) Tillman  
Judith Tillman

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
6361 Lancaster Avenue • Philadelphia, PA 19151  
Phone: 215.473.3065 • Emergency: 215.627.1606  
e-mail: 1792@aecst.org • www.aecst.org • www.facebook.com/aecst1792

*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.*