



AECST
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**“THE THINGS
THAT COME OUT
OF A PERSON’S
MOUTH COME
FROM THE HEART...”**

MATTHEW 15:18

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THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
T. THOMAS

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Series "A Voice From Our Own"
The Rev. Deacon Darrell Tiller
August 16, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

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 vestry has submitted to the Bishop our re-entry plan, which includes:

Not re-entering for corporate worship until sometime in the fall.
This plan has been approved by the Bishop.

Members of the Rector's Advisory Committee on Re-Entry are:

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, Co-Chair

Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden, Co-Chair

Fr. Jay Collins, Clergy

Deborah Harrison, Vestry, Building / Property Chair

Albert Dandridge, Esq., Vestry, Legal

Brenda Best Johnson, Vestry, Ushers

Deadra Cannon, Aux. Vestry, Support

Alfreda Brockman, Altar Guild

Dr. Calvin Johnson, M.D., Medical Advisor / Public Health

Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry

Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication

Gladyce DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant

AECST HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE!

Remember to wear your mask when you are out! Governor Tom Wolf's Secretary of Health Signed Expanded Mask Wearing Order which was released on July 1st.

Please go to <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-signs-expanded-mask-wearing-order/> for more information.

NEW SUMMER PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday, 9AM-2PM. (The Church office will be closed on Fridays in August).

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.

THE ST. THOMAS FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW!

This Sunday we welcome as a new member to St. Thomas Marion Wise. Her assigned Shepherd is **Ronnie Collins**

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Patricia Akins and the Akins Family on the death of Patricia's brother-in-law **Calvin Akins**. Please keep the Akins family in prayer. May Calvin's soul Rest in Peace and rise on glory.

Diane Winkfield and family in the death of Diane's father. **Thurston Rivers**. Please keep the Winkfield family in prayer. May Thurston's soul Rest in Peace and rise in glory.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Francina Norris -Fitzgerald Mercy;

Waltier Blocker- Oakwood Healthcare & Rehab Center

RECOVERING AT HOME:

Alice Bowman - Cropper; Ken Bundy; Lisa Stevenson Woodley;

Gail Harris; Susan Waterford; Sheryl Johnson; LeMont Johnson;

Diane Hutchins; Linda Holmes; Deborah Seay

We would like to thank everyone who joined us via Zoom on June 26th to celebrate with us as we were united in Holy Matrimony. God showed His magnificence through each one of you and we truly appreciate your love, your support, and your prayers. Your presence with us was a gift and a blessing and your kindness will always be remembered. "God has poured out his love into our hearts." Romans 5:5
Peace, Love and Happiness, Lisa & Harold New

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings -

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 16th

First Reading : Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP, led by Fr. Jay Collins,
continues to meet Tuesdays in August
for community conversation. Join us!

READINGS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23rd

First Reading : Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Week of 8/17/2020

Monday - Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday -Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday - Mark 12:13-27

Thursday - Mark 12:28-34

Friday - Mark 12:35-44

Saturday - Mark 13:1-13

SUNDAY SUMMER MEDITATION SERIES

**St. Thomas' own clergy will offer weekly meditations
during our Summer Sunday Series**

August 16th - The Rev. Deacon Darrell Tiller

August 23rd - The Rev. JoAnn Jones

August 30th - The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey

September 6th - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AND WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

**Sunday, August 16th
10AM, Morning Worship**

**Monday, August 17th
9PM - Compline**

**Tuesday, August 18th
7PM - Zoom Bible Class**

**Wednesday, August 19th
9PM - Compline**

**Thursday, August 20th
9PM - Compline**

**Friday, August 21st
9PM - Compline**

**Saturday, August 22nd
12PM - Noonday Prayer**

**Sunday, August 23rd - Summer Series
"A Voice From Our Own" The Rev. JoAnn Jones**

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 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) **Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio or the Parish Office during office hours.**

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, 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.)

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.

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Please join us for our
Virtual Worship Service
on the St. Thomas Website
www.aecst.org

every Sunday morning at 10am.

THE VESTRY

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Treasurer - Kevin Johnson

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Albert S. Dandridge
Deborah Harrison
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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.