

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021
10:00 AM**

FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate **150 people in the church**. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a **sign-in sheet**. Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. **Seating** will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. **Hand sanitizer** will be available. The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air.

We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the service via **[LIVE STREAM](#)**.

“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name.”

Psalm 100:4

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Grace and Peace to you from God on this **Fourth Sunday of Advent and Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols.**

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, founded in 1792 as the first black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas' Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed and revived. Again, welcome!

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and Dean
of the Schuylkill Deanery

THE HISTORY OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word “adventus”, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word parousia.

Most know Advent today as a time of anticipation and expectation of the birth of Christ.

Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent season not only symbolizes the waiting for Christ’s birth but also for his final return.

THE ADVENT WREATH

is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: “In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind”. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5).

The Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God’s unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus’ sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding His blood for our sins.

THE FIRST CANDLE

that we light on Sunday, which is purple, symbolizes Hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The most common Advent candle tradition, however, involves four candles around the wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas.

Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored. A fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

THE SECOND CANDLE

represents peace and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

THE THIRD CANDLE

symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. This candle is colored pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.

THE FOURTH CANDLE

represents love and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This color is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.

THE FIFTH CANDLE

represents light and purity and is called "Christ's Candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day. This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.

Holiday Hours...



**THE CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICES
will be closed for the holidays.**

Friday, Dec. 24th - Parish Offices and Church closed.

Sunday, Dec. 26th - Church (Virtual Service) closed.

Monday, Dec. 27th - Parish Offices and Church open.

Tuesday, Dec. 28th - Only Parish Offices open.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th - Only Parish Offices open.

Thursday, Dec. 30th - Parish Offices and Church open.

Friday, Dec. 31st - Parish Offices and Church closed.



Christmas Morning at 9:00AM,
turn on 6abc to catch snippets
of The St. Thomas Gospel Choir
performing in the Philly Pops
Christmas Spectacular 2021.



**WE WELCOME
Mary Ann Jones
to the St. Thomas Family.**



**May I Have
Your
Attention
Please**

ATTENTION ALL GUILDS, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS:

The Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, February 20, 2022. Please have end of the Year Reports submitted for the

Annual Parish Meeting no later than **February 14, 2022.**

Your 2021 reports should be 1 (one) page and include: Officers, Your vision, 2021 activities and meetings, plans for Re-Imagining in 2022 and any other information you would like to share. Please send to Gladyce at: 1792@aecst.org. The deadline for reports is: Monday, February 14, 2022.

During the Annual Meeting, selections will be made for Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry, Schuylkill Deanery and Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Nominations will be accepted **December 20, 2021** through **January 23, 2021**. Nominee's bios will be in the Newsletter on January 30, 2022.

Nominees should be available for Vestry Meetings on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month.

They must also:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Have been a member of St. Thomas a minimum of nine (9) months prior to their nomination and
3. Paid their 2021 pledge in full by December 31st, 2021.

For information about nominating someone, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee at the email link below:

[Richard Jones](#), [Deborah Camp-Frye](#) or [Cynthia Muse](#).

THE PANDEMIC HAS EMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO RE-IMAGINE

Please join our rector in RE-IMAGINING.

We will Re-imagine new ways to view our relationship
with Jesus Christ.

We will Re-imagine new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

We will Re-imagine new ways to feed and nurture others.

We will Re-imagine new ways to evangelize
and grow the church.

We will Re-imagine new ways to serve
our seniors and youth.

We will Re-imagine new ways of community
outreach and service.

We will Re-Imagine new ways to engage in
social justice and politics.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you know wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on [Holy Baptism](#). All the information about baptism and the [electronic online Application Form](#) can be found there.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Have you been confirmed yet? The bishop will be making his visitation to St. Thomas in 2022. We are in the process of forming the Confirmation Class of 2022. Please contact Gladyce DuBrey in the Parish Office to add your name.

**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**



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
6361 LANCASTER AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19151 215.473.3065

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Thank you Fr. Shaw, Deborah (Binky) Seay, Conchetta Brewer, Wanda Tarawaly, Carolyn Summers, Carla Spates, 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 on **December 20, 2021**.

We start promptly at **6:30 AM**.

We encourage you to reach out to us at circleofprayer@aecst.org to submit prayer requests or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, offer a prayer(s) or provide a meditation in song.

The teleconference call number is: **605-313-6361**.
The access code is **268105**. **Prayer is the Answer!**

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, 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

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM on the St. Thomas website, on **Facebook** or **Youtube.com** every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.



A Glorious Christmas Celebration of Dance, Music, and The Word

**Friday, December 24, 2021; 5:00 PM
Celebrating the Birth of Jesus and
Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**"Hot Apple Cider TO GO"
Sponsored by the Tree of Life Ministry.**

**Masks are required.
Fully vaccinated status
is requested.**



Join us virtually via our website or Facebook pages.

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Your gift of Christmas poinsettias and altar arrangements will help beautify the church for the holidays, and will be a beautiful tribute to your loved ones, or a token of Thanksgiving for a blessing received. Please (Print) send to Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels c/o St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151 and include the information below.

DEADLINE : MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Christmas Flower Donations

Please Print All Names. 5 names per plant.

I would like to place flowers on:
the High Altar @ \$125.00
the Absalom Jones Altar @ \$85.00
the Columbarium @ \$45.00
Purchase a Poinsettia @ \$25.00

A) In memory of _____

B) In Thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____

Envelope # _____ Amount \$ _____

I would like to donate towards the Christmas greenery (Any amount) \$ _____

CHRISTMAS TREE ADOPTION

Our Christmas Tree is up for adoption.

Donation is \$40.00.

List up to 10 loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return to Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151.

Please do not place in the collection plate.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Please circle one: In memory of or In Thanksgiving for.
(PLEASE PRINT)

Given by _____ Envelope # _____

Amount \$ _____

I would like to donate towards the Christmas greenery.

(Any amount) \$ _____



AECST BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
if you are interested in joining a
lively, interactive Bible Study

group, contact Fr. Jay via email at:

associatepriest@aecst.org to be included on our
membership list. You will receive the link and our weekly
lesson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.



THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR at the Fashion District

On Thursday, December 23rd at 5:00 PM-6:00 PM. the Gospel Choir will be singing at the Fashion District (9th and Market Streets) for their Christmas Series. While you're doing a little shopping, come on by and be blessed.

VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school will meet by ZOOM on Sundays at noon. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at: 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to [Dottie Archey](mailto:Dottie.Archey@stthomasparish.org) for more information.

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble. The Ensemble will offer musical selections for Christmas Eve Mass.

If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th

First Reading: [Micah 5:2-5a](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7](#)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 1:39-55](#)

Week of 12/20/2021

Monday - [Luke 1:15-25](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 1:26-38](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 1:39-56](#)

Thursday - [Luke 1:57-66](#)

Christmas Eve - [Luke 1:67-80](#)

Christmas Day - [John 3:31-36](#)

The First Sunday of Christmas December 26th

First Reading: [Isaiah 61:20-62:5](#)

Psalm [147:13-21](#)

Second Reading: [Galations 3:23-58; 4:4-7](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 1:1-8](#)

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

December 19th

The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Church School Christmas Presentation

December 26th

Virtual Prayers Online Only - No In-Person Worship
Please join us on our website aecst.org or Facebook.

January 2nd

The First Sunday of the New Year
(The Second Sunday of Christmas)
A Formal Toast for the 2022 New Year
We will lift our glasses in Thanksgiving for
the blessings received in 2021.

January 9th

The First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of our Lord
(Renewal of Baptism Vows)

January 16th

Observance of the Life and Ministry
of the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

January 23rd

Youth / Young Adult Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL

Alice Bowman-Cropper (Virtua Hospital, Mt. Holly NJ).
Leatrice Snowden - Abramson Rehab.

RECOVERING AT HOME

Harold Yates, Inez Turner, Edita Gauthney, Dorothy Smith.
Kenneth Dow, Leotta Griffith.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards,
Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson,
Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer,
Joan Hall, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden,
Isadora "Gwen" Francis, Francina Norris.

WE PRAY FOR

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as
those affected by their actions.

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and
would like to schedule a St. Thomas Columbarium Inurnment,
please contact the church office at 215-473-3065.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

FROM THE RECTOR

You should have received your Third Quarter Statement of the Stewardship year. I am urging everyone to please assure that your 2021 Pledge is current. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM 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.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully fill out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically use our Faithful Giving. [Pledge Form](#) on our website.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

“To whom much is given, much is required”. Luke 12:48

Faithfully,
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and Dean
of the Schuylkill Deanery

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 or click the Donation Button or Capital Improvement [Donation Button](#) on our website.

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may do so Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church, perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website via the online [Pledge Form](#).

If you have decided to use the Givi App or [Online Giving Donations](#), please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office at 215-473-3065 or email, please do so ASAP. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number and email address. Thanks so much for your help with this.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

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

“To whom much is given, much is required.” Luke 12:48

- 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. 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, 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.

2022 FAITHFUL GIVING CARDS

If you have not submitted your Faithful Giving Card, please place your card in the offering plate today.

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership

Fr. Martini Shaw

Fr. Gerald Collins

Ronnie Collins

Deadra Cannon

Albert Dandridge, Esq.

Clare Mae Daniels

Johanna Daye

Barry and Deborah Camp-Frye

Deborah Harrison

D. Lynn Joell

Kelvin & Pamela Johnson

Brenda Johnson Best

Frank Johnson

Richard Jones

Cynthia Muse

Jonathan Muse

Judith Simkins Booth

Darryle & Judith Tillman

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Joyce Adams	Cornelia Camp
Patricia Akins	Kevin Carter
Constance Anderson	Phyllis Cater
Michael & Dorothy Archey	Suzanne Closson
Jeanne Arnold	Lynada Coleburn Bryant
Cedric Babb	Terry Corson
Paul Bach & Julie	Gwendolyn Cottman
Hergenrather	Andrea Cummings
Terri Barber	Carl & Mary Dean
Brenda Battle	Elizabeth Derr
Catherine Bell	Dr. Rollo Dilworth
Susan Ben	Patrick and Musu Doe
Deborah Billups	Dr. Barbara Douglass
Deborah Booker-Matthews	Andrew & Lisa-Renee Dumas
Guy Booth	William & Quincina
Ricardo Bostic	Edmonds
I. Page Bowser	Lynette Edwards
Theresa Bramwell	Roy & Patricia Ellison
Lorita Brockington	Rashid Faisal
J.R. & Alfreda Brockman	Larry & Deidre Farmby
Jean Brogden	Loretta Fergueson
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Julius Brown	Wendela Fox & Herb Wetzel
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Phyllis S. Brown	Norman & Nikki Franke
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Sandra Bryant-Milller	Barbara Glenn
Carmella Bullock	Swanie Goldsmith
Ted Bythewood	Christopher Golson
Shirley Caldwell	Eugene & Marie Golson

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Clarice Grant	Bobby Johnson
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Linda Greaves	Lemont Johnson
Austin Green	Sheryl Johnson
Carole Williams Green	Bettie Jones
Michelle Green	Clarence Jones
Leotta Griffith	Donna Jones
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Joyce Harrison	Jurdina Koilor
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Thank you!

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2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

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Lisa New	William Smalls
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Samuel & Deidre Patterson	H. Lynn Starr
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Mary Ann Phillips	Joseph Stevenson
Simone Polland	Joyce Stewart
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Audrey Pyles	Brandon & Rashanda Stiff
Karen Ragland	Art & Michelle Sudler
Dolores Redmond	Carolyn Summers
Clarence Rice	Linda Tapper Smith
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Victoria Rivers	Monica Taylor
Rosalind Roberts Smalls	Rosita Taylor
Rosalind Rodriguez	Teri Taylor
Dr. Cassandra Ruffin	Gloria Thomas
Yvonne Ruiz	Calvin Thompson
Sandra Rushin	Teri Tillman

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

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Justin & Lee Anne Trotman
Louise Trotman
Elizabeth Trulear
Gladys Tucker
Howard Tucker
Inez Turner
Karen Vaughn
Alverna Wiley
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Julia Williams
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Lorna Wilson
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Shirley Winkfield
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