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Gospel Music Master Class and Concert



Directed By Walt Blocker from The Historic
Episcopal Church of St Thomas,
Philadelphia, PA

St. Thomas Gospel Choir presents

Were you there?

A MasterClass on incorporating choral Gospel music in the Episcopal Church worship followed by a full-length Lenten meditation gospel concert.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020
6-7 PM MASTERCLASS • 8 PM CONCERT

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA

*Both the class and the concert are free of charge.
The concert is open to the public and no tickets are required.
For planning purposes, please register for the Master Class*

[Click here to register now.](#)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We all know that one of the more beautiful expressions of our Anglican tradition is found in its embrace of a wide range of liturgical practices and musical styles. By this variety, we are blessed in being of many parts, yet always one body, one spirit through our common prayer.

This spring, our diocese has a unique opportunity to learn more about, and participate in, a liturgical expression that is deeply rooted in the American experience. On Friday, March 27, the [choir of the historic Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia](#) will be at our own Trinity Cathedral to teach and perform, for an evening of gospel music.

Many of you will recognize St. Thomas Church as the founding ministry of the Reverend Absalom Jones, the first African American to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. This March 27th class and concert, then, will for this year mark our annual observance of Absalom Jones Day (admittedly, several weeks later than his actual feast).

I invite and encourage all clergy and lay leaders in our parishes, particularly our music directors and choir members, to come to the Cathedral that evening, to learn how gospel music can be incorporated into our local worship, and to enjoy a meditative concert ... With the evening's theme, "Were You There?" what could be more fitting for a Friday in Lent?

For those that wish, a dinner will be available at 7 p.m.; the master class runs from 6-7 p.m., with the performance set for 8 p.m. You may choose to attend any or all of the evening's events, but registration is required for the class and dinner, at www.episcopalpgh.org/masterclass. There is no cost to participate, although donations will be graciously accepted.

Asking God's blessing on you and on this opportunity,

Faithfully your bishop,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorsey McConnell", with a small cross symbol above the first letter.

(The Rt. Rev.) Dorsey McConnell, D.D.
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh

