












The cross is always a reminder of our Lord's saving work of redeeming mankind through His sacrifice for our sins, thereby bringing forgiveness and salvation. Different forms of the cross may point to various aspects of our Christ's life and work.

-  CROSS CROSSLET. The spread of Christianity to the North, South, East and West - to the ends of the earth.
-  CROSS OF CONSTANTINE. The Chi Rho and the X turned to form a cross; Christ the conquering King.
-  ST. ANDREWS CROSS. Andrew was reputed to have died on a cross of this shape. Here this cross symbolizes the whole Christian Church.
-  LATIN CROSS. Long upright; most widely used form of the cross among Christians.
-  GREEK CROSS. All extensions of equal length. This balanced form is easier to use in designs and was much employed by early Greek artists.
-  CROSS OVER THE WORLD. Christ over the world, "Go ye into all the world..."

MONOGRAMS, LETTERS, & WORDS

The earliest monograms of our Lord are in Greek letters. Originally much of the New Testament was written in Greek because many of the first missionary churches were Greek.

-  Chi, the first letter of the word for Christ in Greek
-  Chi Rho, the first letters of CHRIST in the Greek alphabet. The X may sometimes become a cross. ☩
-  IHC First three letters of JESUS in Greek.
-  IHS (Note, some letters have several forms)
-  ☩, IX Monogram of the first letters of Jesus and Christ; our Lord's cipher.

A, Ω

Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Since only God is before and after all things, a symbol of divinity.

IRI

The first letters of the words in the Latin superscription, "Jesus of Nazereth, King of the Jews"

M

The first letter of the name of our Lord's mother, Mary.

SYMBOLS FOR OUR LORD AND GOD



An equilateral triangle, three part figure, or any three like items - The Triune God.



A circle symbolizes eternity; God, the only eternal One, or eternal life with God.

CROWN - The kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ; His victory over sin and death; His place of honor at the right hand of God.

CORNERSTONE - "Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone."

SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - Our Lord as prophesied in Malachi 4:2

STARS - When formed by crosses set at angles, stars suggest the close relationship between the birth and death of our Lord.

FISH - ΙΧΘΥΣ, The Greek word for fish forms an acrostic on the first letters of, "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." One of the most ancient symbols of our Lord.

BUTTERFLY - Our Lord's Resurrection; also the resurrection of those who die in Christ.

WHEAT AND GRAPES - Bread and wine; the Body and Blood of our Lord.

THORNS - A representation of our Lord's crown of suffering.

ROSE - The nativity of our Lord. Also our Lord's mother, Mary.

DAISY - The innocence of the Christ -Child.

CHRISMON TREE

The tree up on the Chancel is the traditional Chrismon tree. If you look carefully, you will see the ornaments are handmade and our symbols have a history from Biblical times. The following is a list of the symbols and what they mean.



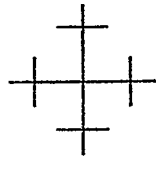
These are the first two letters for Christ from the Greek...



This is the first letter of Jesus from Greek...



These symbols are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Alpha and Omega.



Cross Crosslet, spread of Christianity to North, south, east and west.



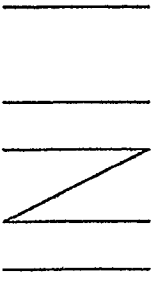
The three parts of God—the Trinity.



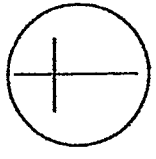
St. Andrew's Cross.



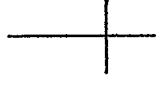
The plain cross is the Latin cross.



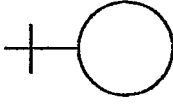
These are the first letters of Latin that represent "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"



The cross in Eternity.



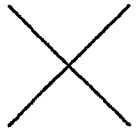
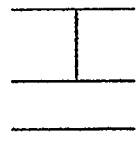
Chi-Rho with X turned to make a cross: Christ the conquering King.



Cross over the World



These are the first 3 letters of the Greek for Jesus.



The first letter for Christ in Greek.