

# Chrismons – What does this mean?



## Alpha and Omega

Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and was and is to come, the Almighty’” (Revelation 1:8).

## Chi-Rho

In Greek, Chi (Χ) is the equivalent of “Ch” in English, and the letter Rho (Ρ) is the equivalent of “r.” These form the first letters of “Christ” (Χριστός).



## Cross and Crown

“‘Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life’” (Revelation 2:10). This is the promise we have through the cross of Christ our King.

## Cross in Eternity Circle

The circle, without beginning or end, represents eternity. “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3). The cross is God’s central saving act for the salvation of the world.



## Crown

“He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords...To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen” (1 Timothy 6:15-16). Jesus is the Anointed One promised in the Old Testament, the Prince of Peace, our King.

## Crown of Thorns

“The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head (John 19:2). When decorating the tree, the crown of thorns is typically placed directly under the kingly crown to symbolize Christ’s victory over death.



## Cup or Chalice

“Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Matthew 26:28).



## Descending Dove

“Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son; in You I am well-pleased’” (Luke 3:21-22).

## Dove with Olive Branch

“The dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water had subsided from the earth” (Genesis 8:11). The dove and olive branch represents peace after the flood and points to Holy Baptism.



## Five-pointed Star

“‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him’” (Matthew 2:2). The five points also represent the wounds of Christ at the cross (nails in each hand and foot and His pierced side).

## Fish

The fish was a symbol used by early persecuted Christians to signify their belief in Jesus. The Greek letters spelling fish (ἰχθύς) form an acronym in Greek for “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior.”

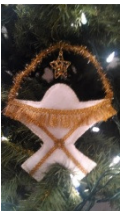


## Lamb of God

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)! “‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing’” (Revelation 5:12)!

## Manger

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7).



## Pax

Pax is Latin for peace. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). “‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased’” (Luke 2:14)!

## Triquetra

The Triquetra, also sometimes known as the Celtic “trinity knot,” represents the Holy Trinity. “‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’” (Matthew 28:19).

