

Advent Christmons

Trinitarian Knot

12/7

Matthew 3:13-17



As we prepare to welcome the first coming of the second person of the Trinity in the person of Jesus Christ, and as we await his second coming it is important that we do not forget the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Yes Jesus was sent to earth to redeem us of our sins, yet the Father is the author and director of that salvation, with the Holy Spirit bringing that salvation to us personally. This Christmon keeps the mystery of the Trinity in our minds.

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Burning Bush

12/8

Exodus 3:1-4:17



Again, we are reminded in this burning bush that Christ has been active in the world far before his incarnation. As the second person of the Trinity shows Himself to Moses speaks to him the Word of God and directs him to save his people. The burning bush reminds us that God's chief work among us is salvation of those who cannot save themselves.

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5 Crosses

12/9

John 19:31-37



Entering any church you might be convinced that we just cant have enough crosses! You may be tempted to think this Christmon is simply putting as many crosses together as possible, yet there is more intention and care in this Christmon. We see here five crosses combined. They are to remind us of the 5 wounds Christ bore upon the cross: two on his hands, two on his feet, and one in his side. These wounds are marks of our salvation and remind us of the cost of our sins. While most of you have never seen them our altar cloth also contains 5 embroidered crosses for this very reason.

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Cross with Nail

12/10

John 20:19-29



We see once again a Christmon which reminds us of the price of salvation. This focusing not specifically upon the wounds of Christ but upon the nail. It has often been said that what held Jesus upon the cross was not the nails through his hands and feet but rather his love for you and me. The truth of this statement rings with confidence. Confidence in Jesus love for you, that he would go to any length to save you.

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Jesus Christ Victorious

12/11

1 Corinthians 15:50-58



Another odd Christmon. Letters that might be recognizable, but the meaning obscured to those who do not read Greek. There are three words represented in this Christmon. “IC” representing Jesus (the “C” is the Greek sigma) the “XC” representing Christ. NIKA then being a word you are familiar with even if you don’t know it. The brand Nike takes its name from the same Greek word. In Greek Nike or here Nika means victory. Taken together then the Christmon reads, “Jesus Christ Victorious” of course the cross then reminds us that Jesus has won the victory over death and the grave through the cross, the purpose of his incarnation.

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Eight-Pointed Star

12/12

John 20:1-10



Last week we looked at the 6-pointed star reminding us of creation. Today we see the 8 pointed star. This Christmon echoes the 6-pointed star. As we know God created the world in 6 days then rested on the 7th. The Church has seen a parallel in the death and resurrection of Christ. With Christ dying on the 6th day. Resting in the tomb on the 7th. Then rising from the dead on the new 8th day. The number 8 then has been associated with the resurrection of the dead and God's work of recreating all things. We are reminded of this 8th day regularly in the octagonal shape of our baptismal font.

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Victorious Lamb

12/13

Revelation 5:6-14



A common Lenten image has found its way onto our Christmas tree. The image of the victorious lamb who had once been slain. Wearing the victors crown and carrying the triumphal banner. We are reminded of John's words "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" as we look to our victory in the person and work of Jesus.