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CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS – StencilGirl® Stencil #S510

We can find many early Christian symbols preserved in the catacombs of Rome and other cemeteries. Other symbols have developed and have been redeemed in cultures as simple representations of their world were interpreted through the eyes of faith.

CROSS

- Symbol of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for our sins and our redemption. The simple cross is believed to be the style of cross where Jesus died.

CELTIC CROSS

- Symbol of Jesus sacrifice for our sins and our redemption
- The circle represents unity, eternity, and wholeness. We are united with God through Christ, made complete and whole. The circle in the Celtic cross has a practical function of strengthening the arms of the stone crosses.

FLAME

- Signifies the presence of God – Moses in the burning bush in *Exodus 3:2-6*
- The presence of God, the Holy Spirit – Flames of fire rested on each person during Pentecost in *Acts 2*

MESSIANIC SEAL

- Symbol found in Jerusalem and believed to be a symbol of the early church combining the oldest symbol of Judaism, the 7 flamed menorah, and the oldest symbol of Christianity, the fish. The base of the menorah and the tail of the fish form a 6-pointed star in the middle, signifying God coming to earth as a man through the Jews to bring all people into relationship with God.

TRINITY CELTIC KNOT

- Symbol redeemed by saints like St. Patrick, associating it with the shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity, with a never-ending knot symbolizing eternity, and three sections that come together as one, representing the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Genesis 1:1-3, Genesis 1:26, John 1, Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 28:19*

DOVE

- Symbol of peace especially when accompanied by an olive branch – *Genesis 8*
- The presence of Holy Spirit who descended like a dove on Jesus at his baptism - *Luke 3:22, Matthew 10:16*

THREE INTERCONNECTED CIRCLES

- A circle symbolizes unity, wholeness, and God. The three interconnected circles making a trinity symbol on the inside, represent the mystery of each person of the Trinity as whole and at the same time, united as one God – *John 14:16-17*

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FISH

- The first known symbol of Christianity, possibly drawn in the dirt or sand as a code during the time when Christians were persecuted in Rome.
- In Greek, the title “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior” is “Iesous Christos Theou Yios Soter.” The first letter of each of the Greek words is “ichthys” is the Greek word for fish. Fish and doves were the most common symbols in early Christianity.

6-POINTED STAR

- Creator’s Star – 6 points, 6 days of creation; the 7th a day of rest, the center of the star and place of peace. In Christianity Christ Jesus the Messiah is the creator and center, our peace – *John 1*
- Unity of God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and humanity: body, soul, spirit – *John 17:20-26*

ANCHOR

- Hope in God - *Hebrews 6:19*

CROWN

- Honor and Blessing and Glory – *Philippians 4:1, Zechariah 9:16, Isaiah 35:10, Isaiah 62:3*
- Christ as King and Ruler - *Revelation 6:2, Revelation 14:14*
- We are royalty. The crown represents God’s relationship to us, children of the King, also God’s blessing – *1 Peter 2:9, Isaiah 62:3,*
- Reward – *1 Thessalonians 2:19*

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LAMB

- Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world – *Isaiah 53:7, 11:6, John 1:29*
- We are also like sheep or lambs – *John 10, Isaiah, 53:6, Psalm 23*

LION

- Jesus as King, Lion of the Israeli tribe of Judah, Victory – *Revelation 5:5*
- Christ’s Messianic reign is symbolized by the supernatural juxtaposition of the Lion and the Lamb - *Isaiah 11:6*