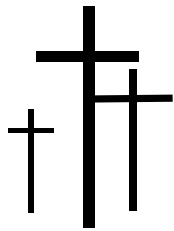


For more than forty years, the Tri-Cross image has had special meaning for the people of Eastminster Church. We have seen in it the power and the promise of Jesus' death at Golgotha.



The large central cross is a symbol of our Lord's sacrifice and death. The second cross appears to be almost under its shadow, as if protected. It touches the Master's cross as surely as the believing criminal reached out to Jesus. The third cross is at a distance, cut off from the promise of Paradise by unbelief.

The three crosses remind us of both God's promise and our choice. We are invited to believe that Jesus Christ has power to guide us through life and see us through death. The invitation is free and for everyone. But we have to choose. We can accept the gift of faith and life everlasting, or we can reject it.

The crosses remind us of our options, and urge us to say YES!

When we accept the offer of saving grace, the cross is transformed from a sign of death to a symbol of life. That's why we call the day of Jesus' crucifixion 'Good' Friday. The life-giving love of God took a terrible thing and made it wonderful; it turned tragedy into victory; it turned sadness into joy; it turned death into life. In our tradition, the cross is empty because death could not hold Jesus any more than despair, or fear, or even death can hold us.

In 2006, Joel Frijters of our congregation was asked to create a new logo. Informed by the faith we profess and his own relationship with God, Joel gave us The Dancing Crosses. The stark, black lines of the Tri-Cross come to life as they seem to move with the Spirit of Easter's power and promise. The central cross reaches out to embrace the others, pulling them toward itself. The disconnected, diminishing cross has been reconciled, embraced. And the three crosses dance for the joy of it!



This is what the cross means to us. By the cross, we are reconciled with God. Through the cross, we are reunited with God in an embrace of sin-destroying, death-defeating love.

In the cross of Christ we glory! Like the crosses, we dance with the Spirit of Easter's power and promise.