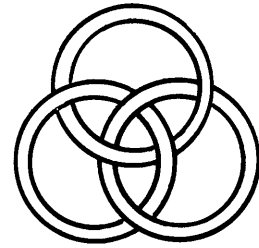
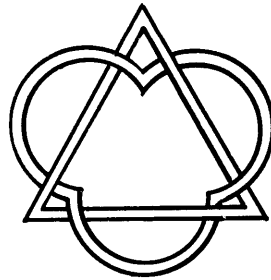
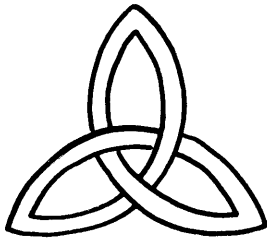


# COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Have you seen any of these symbols in your church?



Symbols help explain, perhaps better than words, our Christian belief that God is a Trinity: One God in Three Persons of Father, Son and Spirit. What other names for God and Father does the first verse of “Come, Thou Almighty King” give? \_\_\_\_\_

God the Son is described in the second stanza as *Incarnate Word*. The dictionary defines *Incarnate* as \_\_\_\_\_

How does the Bible explain “Word” in John 1:1-5? \_\_\_\_\_

The third person of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit – is hardest for most of us to understand because this is the part of God that is *within each one of us!* Just think about what that means! Read in John 14:15-26 and Acts 1:1-8 about Jesus’ Promise of the Holy Spirit to those who love him. How did the early Christians live after they received the promised Holy Spirit at Pentecost? (Acts 2:42-47) (Acts 4:31-37) \_\_\_\_\_

Can you think of some ways the Holy Spirit works through our lives in our present age? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some other names for the Holy Spirit in this hymn, in your Bible, and in other hymns you know? \_\_\_\_\_

Felice de Gardini, who was once a choirboy too, wrote the tune for this hymn. The tune has had many names which have been given it by various hymnbook editors. “Moscow” seems to have been one of the earliest probably because the composer studied in Russia for a time. Gardini studied composition, the harpsichord, and the violin. Can you play other instruments? \_\_\_\_\_

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

A very important way the Holy Spirit works through our lives is in art, music, and poetry – such as the words of “Come, Thou Almighty King” whose author we do not know. Can you think of some other hymns or responses that name all three persons of the Trinity? Maybe someday you will paint a picture or write a hymn that will let people know that God’s Spirit rules in our hearts, too if we but let it!