

## Story and Symbolism for Window No. 5

# TREE OF LIFE

## CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

In this window I have depicted the TREE of LIFE as a GUM TREE  
.... In the hope that it may help us recognise and perhaps identify  
with the notion that we 'right here' are each a part of it.  
The tree of Life is an ANCIENT SYMBOL of the WHOLENESS of CREATION  
- of the COSMOS.

In Christianity THE CROSS is often referred to as 'THE Tree of Life'.  
In CREATION CENTRED SPIRITUALITY it is a symbol of the deep INTERCONNECTEDNESS  
of everything in Creation.  
It can also represent WISDOM and PROTECTION.

### VISUAL ELEMENTS and SYMBOLISM

- GUM TREE – a symbol of our unique AUSTRALIAN SPIRITUALITY.
- TRUNK of TREE – sometimes seen as MASCULINITY, with the  
LONG FLOWING BRANCHES & LEAVES seen as FEMINITY. } together  
creating  
strength,  
beauty &  
balance
- ROOTS of TREE } the roots reach deeply into the soil of the EARTH  
and THE EARTH } symbolising deep CONNECTION to, and ACCEPTANCE  
of NOURISHMENT from MOTHER EARTH.
- COLOURED GUM LEAVES - symbolise and represent EACH ONE OF US  
and ALL BEINGS IN CREATION - ALL THAT EXISTS.

\* You may enjoy CHOOSING A PARTICULAR LEAF  
which 'in your mind' REPRESENTS YOU !

I hope you do !

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