

Welcome: We are people from different backgrounds come together to honour our relationship and responsibility to Mother Earth and all creation, celebrate our individual gifts and diversity, and to recognise and respect our place within this circle – here in our sacred ‘Place of Whirling Waters’ at Justice Place.

Prayer: *Spirit of Our Ancestors*
Spirit of our ancestors
You gave us The Dreaming.
You have spoken to us
Through our beliefs.

We thank you for your care
For the great love,
Sharing and protection
You have given us
For thousands of years
You own us.

You made your love clear to us
In the message of Jesus
Your only proper Son.
He is our hope for the problem of change.
We ask you to help
the people of Australia
To listen to us, and to respect our beliefs.

Make the knowledge of you
grow strong in all people
so that you can find a home in us,
and we can make a home for
everyone in our land.
This is our word to you. Amen

Reading: In this Creation Story we listen for the Creator’s voice showing us law and lifestyle through land and story. After the story you are invited to share thoughts and prayers.

Sharing.

Conclusion: Together we will sing the Aboriginal Prayer of Jesus.

*I will tell you something about stories,
(he said)
They aren't just entertainment.
They are all we have you see,
All we have to fight off illness and death.*

*You don't have anything
If you don't have stories.*

*Their evil is mighty
But it can't stand up to our stories.
So they try to destroy the stories
Let the stories be confused or forgotten.
They would like that
They would be happy
Because we would be defenceless then...*

Leslie Marmon silko, ‘Ceremony’
[Quoted in “Who Will Roll Away The Stone” (1994) by Ched Myers]
