

KINGDOM WORDS / KINGDOM WORK
(John 13:31-35) – by Anna Murdock

He says, “Follow me”
and nets are dropped
and first faith-steps are taken....
and healings and teachings begin.

We say, “Lord, Teach us”
and we are taught to pray ...
and we are taught to live ...
and we are taught to forgive.

He says, “I AM” ...
and the hungry hear “Bread of Life” ...
and the thirsty hear “Living Water” ...
and the lost hear “Good Shepherd.”

He says, “It is finished” ...
and love flows down from a cross ...
and out from an empty tomb ...
and we will hear, “Go and tell.”

He says, “Peace be with you” ...
and he breathes on us the Holy Spirit ...
and so we are sent out, as he was sent ...
and we say, “My Lord and my God.”

He asks, “Do you love me?”
and waits for an answer.
And he says, “Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep” ...
and hands us his own servant’s towel.

He says, “I give you a new commandment” ...
and “just as I have loved you” ...
and “love one another” ...
and “everyone will know you are my disciples.”

And suddenly, in these very words
of this new commandment
to love others as he has loved us,
we become a part of kingdom work on earth.

THY KINGDOM COME ... THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN.