

Prayer at 6:00 pm:



*John 14:15-21 - 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'*

O God, it really is all about love, isn't it? This prayer that Jesus prayed with his friends in the upper room, he was saying good-bye. He was saying he loved them. He was saying he wanted them to love one another. He was asking them to go out into the world and share God's love. Jesus knew the world was not perfect, that some would rather see him die than change. And yet he loved them, Jesus loves us.

Love meets us in the garden of Gethsemane, and tomorrow at the cross, and Sunday in the empty tomb. But tonight it meets us in a prayer, a prayer for us, for believers yet to believe, for the world when it needs new life. O God, help us listen for the word of love to rise again in our hearts. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.