

1 John 3: 14-16

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John

Beloved:

**We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.**

Whoever does not love remains in death.

**Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer
has eternal life remaining in him.**

**The way we came to know love
was that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**

**If someone who has worldly means
sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion,
how can the love of God remain in him?**

**Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.**

The Word of the Lord