

A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.**

The word of the Lord.