

A reading from the first letter of John

(3:14-16)

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love one another.

Whoever does not love abides in death.

All who hate a brother or sister are murderers,
and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us
-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

The Word of the Lord.