

Reading

1 John 3:14–16

*We have passed out of death and into life because we love our brothers.*

A reading from the first letter of St John

We have passed out of death and into life,  
and of this we can be sure  
because we love our brothers.

If you refuse to love, you must remain dead;  
to hate your brother is to be a murderer,  
and murderers, as you know, do not have eternal life in them.

This has taught us love —  
that he gave up his life for us;  
and we, too, ought to give up our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.