

1 John  
3: 14-16

Selection B21

**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**