A reading from the first letter of John

3:14-16

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers (and sisters). 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 Jesus laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers (and sisters).

The word of the Lord.