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A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

3:14-16

**B**eloved:

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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.

**1015** ALLELUIA VERSE AND VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**1**

See Matthew 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the Kingdom.

**2**

Matthew 25:34

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

**3**

John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**4**

John 6:39

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.