

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
September 12, 2021
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50:4c–9a; James 2:14–18; Mark 8:27–35



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In the musical *My Fair Lady*, Eliza Doolittle sings to her possible suitor, Freddy, the song “Show Me!”

“Words Words Words
I am so sick of words...
If you’re in love
Show me.”

Eliza certainly would agree with the Scriptural message for the 2nd Sunday of the Season of Creation from Isaiah, James and Jesus. From Isaiah we hear the call of God’s Word coming in the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor. Saint James urges us to put our faith into action and Saint Mark tells us to expect resistance and suffering if we are disciples of Jesus! The destruction from Hurricane Ida has increased the worry and talk about climate change. The danger, according to Eliza, is it will remain only more talk.

During this time of the Season of Creation, let us be:

- Among the millions of people rising up to restore, heal and save life on our Common Home—Earth.
- The voice of the voiceless suffering among us on Earth due to climate crisis.
- The People of God who join hands with other faith-filled people to educate ourselves by studying Pope Francis’s encyclical: “Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home.”

Our Scriptural prophets, Isaiah, James and Jesus, along with Eliza Doolittle, challenge us to put our words and worries about climate crisis into action.

“Show me!”