

Easter Sunday Homily
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HAPPY EASTER! Despite the very unusual times we are in, being sequestered, sometimes afraid of meeting or even seeing other people in the grocery store & even holding back on hugging & kissing our relatives or shaking hands with old friends, we ARE celebrating Easter! So here is an updated, more than slightly plagiarized as you will see, a famous Dr. Seuss story!

*Every Who down in Whoville liked Easter a lot... But the Grinch, who lived on Covid Hill, Did NOT!
The Grinch hated Easter! The whole Easter season!
Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.*

*He stood on Covid Hill Staring down with Grinchy frown
At the warm lighted windows below in their town
Then the Grinch came up with this terrible plan
To steal Easter from every land*

*The Grinch made a virus and set it loose
On airplanes, and buses, on fingers and caboose
Then all of the people had to stay home inside
No more buying and shopping – no colored eggs to hide*

*“I’ll steal all their Fish Fries – No Stations or songs
No Palms on Palm Sunday – No gatherings or prayers
No Easter fire – Just sad faces and glares – glares everywhere!”*

*It’s Easter morning, "They're finding out now that no Easter is coming!
They're just waking up! Their mouths will hang open a minute or two
Then the Whos down in Whoville will all cry ‘Boo Hoo!’
"That's a noise," grinned the Grinch, "That I simply MUST hear!"
And he did hear a sound rising up from below. It started in low. Then it started to grow.*

*They sang “Alleluia” They sang of the King
They sang on the internet with keyboards and strings
He stared down from Covid Hill! The Grinch popped his eyes!
Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise!
Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small
Was singing and praying and making Happy Easter phone calls!
Without any Fish Fries – With a watered-down lent
The Whos down in Whoville knew what this feast meant.*

*He HADN'T stopped Easter from coming at all! IT CAME just the same! It came for us all.
And the Grinch knew that Easter was a little bit more, than bunnies and candy and shopping at stores.*

*So he joined the Whos voices and started to sing
“Alleluia to Christ, our true risen king!”*

Despite these most bizzare times, we Christians are celebrating today! Celebrating the most sacred of all our high holy days! We are people of the resurrection, and today we stand in this moment of great joy despite all the darkness that surrounds us.

We are a joyful people! We are a thankful people! We are a people who remain connected to each other despite all stay-at-home orders! We are a forgiven people on a holy mission to forgive others and to reconcile unconditionally! We are a people who accept others different that we are without prejudices and without fear!

Today is OUR day of great rejoicing because our God has shown his great love for us in the most humble and profound ways.

So, we go forth today, whether that be by phone, by Facebook, by video chat, or by any method available to us and proclaim this great news of love to our families and friends. And, as we reach out to those we love, let us not forget all those who are working in healthcare, as first responders, as providers of basic services to the homeless and poor, to all those who are willing to lay down their own lives in order to serve others – even strangers. Let us hold them as well in our prayers and reach out to them to say, “Through your selflessness, Christ has truly risen and is alive in our broken world today!”

May you be abundantly blest this Easter Season!