

# **Holy Week, the Queen's speech, and a conversation with Catherine Parks**

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## **ERLC PODCAST EPISODE**

In this episode, Josh, Lindsay, and Brent discuss Bernie Sanders ending his presidential bid, an important ruling on abortion, Queen Elizabeth's speech on COVID-19, more laughs from the Cuomo brothers, and a very different looking Easter. Lindsay also gives a rundown of this week's ERLC content including a piece from Alex Ward on coronavirus and Holy Week, Chelsea Sobolik on the pandemic's effects on the vulnerable, and Stephen Grcevich on the church and mental health concerns during this crisis. Also in this episode, the hosts are joined by the ERLC's Catherine Parks for a conversation about life and ministry.

## **About Catherine**

Catherine Parks has loved reading biographies since she was a kid. When she's not reading, she loves playing volleyball and basketball, traveling with her family, and helping lead worship for her church. She's the author of *Empowered*

([https://www.amazon.com/Empowered-Shaped-Womens-Lives-Shape-ebook/dp/B07NW6TQ8V/ref=pd\\_sbsd\\_14\\_1/143-5465255-8829762?\\_encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=B07NW6TQ8V&pd\\_rd\\_r=0de96ec9-9374-47e5-b661-bd29bdbad65b&pd\\_rd\\_w=E1IJL&pd\\_rd\\_wg=iXNGN&pf\\_rd\\_p=2c2d0d3b-b3c5-4110-93fa-2c1270309ac1&pf\\_rd\\_r=FQAP0VMGSSE184FXMH9M&psc=1&refRID=FQAP0VM](https://www.amazon.com/Empowered-Shaped-Womens-Lives-Shape-ebook/dp/B07NW6TQ8V/ref=pd_sbsd_14_1/143-5465255-8829762?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B07NW6TQ8V&pd_rd_r=0de96ec9-9374-47e5-b661-bd29bdbad65b&pd_rd_w=E1IJL&pd_rd_wg=iXNGN&pf_rd_p=2c2d0d3b-b3c5-4110-93fa-2c1270309ac1&pf_rd_r=FQAP0VMGSSE184FXMH9M&psc=1&refRID=FQAP0VM)

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## ERLC Content

- **Alex Ward** on [What Holy Week reminds us of in the midst of a pandemic](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/what-holy-week-reminds-us-of-in-the-midst-of-a-pandemic) (<https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/what-holy-week-reminds-us-of-in-the-midst-of-a-pandemic>)
- **Chelsea Patterson Sobolik** on [How the coronavirus is affecting vulnerable children: And how Christians can help](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/how-the-coronavirus-is-affecting-vulnerable-children-and-how-christians-can-help) ([https://erlc.com/resource-](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/how-the-coronavirus-is-affecting-vulnerable-children-and-how-christians-can-help)

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- **Stephen Grcevich** with [How churches can promote mental health through the coronavirus pandemic \(https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/how-churches-can-promote-mental-health-through-the-coronavirus-pandemic\)](#)
- **PLUS: Dan Darling** in *National Review* and **Russell Moore** in *Christianity Today* (on Easter Sunday)

## Culture

1. A new White House [Press Secretary \(https://slack-redir.net/link?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2020%2F04%2F07%2Fpolitics%2Fstep-grisham-press-secretary-briefing-melania-trump%2Findex.html\)](#)
2. Wisconsin's [complicated primary \(https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/voters-experiences-in-wisconsin-amid-the-coronavirus/\)](#)
3. Bernie [drops out \(https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/08/bernie-sanders-drops-out-of-2020-democratic-presidential-primary.html\)](#)
4. Ruling: Abortions are [not essential services \(https://www.axios.com/texas-abortion-ban-coronavirus-appeal-a72f9fcf-76e7-4d64-bfdc-657ded9d9b17.html?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=organic&utm\\_content=\)](#)
5. Are abortions [essential \(https://abcnews.go.com/US/abortions-considered-essential-medical-procedures-amid-covid-19/story?id=69767056\)](#) during coronavirus?
6. U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson [out of ICU \(https://slack-redir.net/link?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thetimes.co.uk%2Fedition%2Fnews%2Fboris-johnson-in-intensive-care-k59f9npx9\)](#) after COVID-19 infection

7. The Queen's speech (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2klmuggOEIE>):  
"We Will Succeed"
8. Pandas in isolation, Tigers contracting coronavirus  
(<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/world/asia/panda-mating-hong-kong.html>), & Dogs, cats, and Covid-19 (<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/the-mystery-of-how-a-tiger-caught-covid-19-has-experts-chasing-their-tails/ar-BB12l6M3>)
9. Tyler Perry buys groceries  
(<https://twitter.com/BrendanKeefe/status/1247922201912885251?s=20>) for seniors at 44 locations in Atlanta
10. Celebs at Lakewood  
(<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/08/entertainment/kanye-mariah-tyler-perry-joel-osteen-trnd/index.html>) for Easter Sunday
11. John Kransinski's second round of good news  
(<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2628189474133119>)
12. The Cuomo brothers (<https://www.buzzfeed.com/terrycarter/andrew-and-chris-cuomo-interview-moments>) make America laugh, again

## **Lunchroom**

- **Lindsay:** *A Loving Life* (<https://www.amazon.com/Loving-Life-World-Broken-Relationships/dp/143353732X>) by Paul Miller
- **Josh:** All the feels: gas prices, food fights, and Cracker Barrel
- **Brent:** A review (<https://slack-redir.net/link?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffreebeacon.com%2Fsatire%2Fpundit-home-studio-review%2F>) of TV pundits' home decor

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