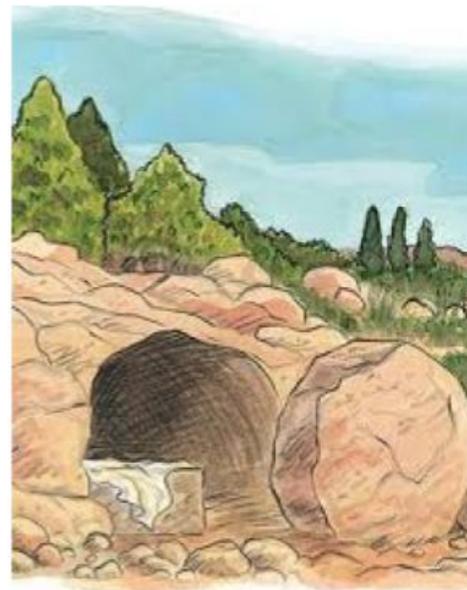


Key Scripture - John 20:2

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”



Theme -

Extraordinary Begins with Ordinary

Welcome All

† Newcomers please sign our guestbook 

† Special requests may be made through Facebook 

[Contact Us](#)

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation and is inclusive of folk who find themselves a part of what is described as “LGBTQ+”
- Our church building is closed but our Congregation remains open and active in a Ministry of Prayer and Care
- Church business will be conducted remotely as much as possible
- Worship will be recorded and posted to FaceBook and our WebPage

† This morning’s Bulletin is sponsored by Church and Betty Lou Kempt in loving memory of their Parents.

Welcome and Announcements

This week's Phone Tree Message - as of 8 April 2020 -

○ **Comfort**

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Pray for grocery store workers and delivery drivers.

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus.

From the World Vision (US) Website

○ **Communication**

○ Trinity United Church News and Updates -

■ **The church building is closed but Our Congregation remains Open and Active in a Ministry of Prayer and Care**

■ **Church business will be conducted remotely as much as possible**

● Council meets weekly by video and by phone

■ **Worship Services will be recorded and replayed**

● **On COGECO - Your TV a week later on Sunday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm**

● **On the Trinity United Church Web Page and FaceBook beginning at our regular Service Time - 10:30 Sunday Morning**

○ **The Good Friday Service will be posted at 10:30 am on Good Friday**

○ **All Services on FaceBook or our Website may be watched whenever you wish once they are posted**

■ This Sunday is Easter Sunday. In the Gospel Lesson, we see Mary, Peter and the “Other Disciple” reacting ordinarily in an extraordinary circumstance.

■ TUC FaceBook group has been created. You may wish to join and check in from time to time.

■ If you wish to make a donation for our Food Distribution efforts on Tuesday and Saturday, please send the bread and fixings unopened and unprepared. All food must be prepared in the church kitchen, which is now government inspected and all volunteers are screened. Please contact Betty Lou Kempt at 613-291-0701

○ **Do you have any questions?**

■ Answer what you know and offer to find out what you do not

■ Remind folk that this is new for all of us, the situation is changing so there will be gaps but we will do the best we can.

○ **Connection**

- **The Communications Team would like to help you stay in touch**
 - **If you would like the latest posts from the church but have not been receiving updates by email, we may not have your address. You can send it to us by -**
 - Message on FaceBook
 - The Contact Page on our Website
 - Voice Mail at the Office - 613 283 4444
- **It will be no surprise that our Stewardship Team, Treasurer and Trustees are mindful about finances**
 - **Please consider how you may continue to support the work -**
 - “Donate” button on our WebSite
 - Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR)
 - E-transfer
 - Please use secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca. Password not required. Please record your envelope number, amount allocated to local, mission and service, capital and others.
 - Canada Post

○ **Care**

- **The Healing Pathway Team and others are actively praying together from 1:00 - 1:30 pm every Wednesday. We would love to include your names and concerns.**
 - Prayer concerns may be left on the Church Office VoiceMail at 613 283 4444
 - Please continue to hold one another in prayer
- **This week, we have been asked to pray for**
 - Mary Helen Kelford’s Family.
 - Cynthia’s niece, a Nurse Practitioner amid the COVID-19 crisis.
 - The work of our Teams that continues during this unprecedented time.

- Our Congregation has many Widows and Widowers. We also have many who live alone. Please pause and name them silently in prayer.
- Folk at Van Horne, Willowdale, Broadview and other Retirement Homes and Care Homes in our area.
- **There are a number of people on our Healing Pathway List for whom I am uncertain as to our permission to name them specifically and publically**
 - **Please meditate on those for whom you desire a Healing Presence**
 - **There are folk whom we know are in the midst of change and whose plans are now interrupted or delayed**
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- **Catching Up -**
 - How are you doing?
 - Are you alone?
 - Is somebody regularly checking in?
 - Would you like somebody to pick up a prescription or other small errand?
 - Would you like to volunteer to run small errands for others from time to time?
 - We will be part of your support as best we can and as circumstances permit

If you want to be contacted regularly by phone, contact the church and let us know - the church office number is - 613 283 4444

COVID-19 Community Meal Distribution Points

Monday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican - Upstairs Hall 2 George St	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday	Trinity United Church - Brown Bag & Blessing Front Foyer - 41 Market Street	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wednesday	St Francis de Sales - St. Vincent de Paul Society 4 McGill St (Hanley Hall)	12:00 - 12:30 pm
Thursday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican - Upstairs Hall 2 George St	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday	Mississippi Rideau Lakes - Salvation Army 251 Brockville St	Lunch Time
Saturday	Trinity United Church - Volunteers from - SFDCI Front Foyer - 41 Market Street	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Easter Sunday	St. John the Evangelist Anglican - No Lunches Our thoughts are that the Easter turkey dinner provided by CC's will capture a number of the participants	No Lunches

Starting Monday, April 13, St. John the Evangelist Anglican is going to a “delivery only” model, to reduce the risk to participants and volunteers. St. John the Evangelist Anglican asks for names and addresses and phone numbers. Lunches will then be delivered between 11am -12:30pm. Deliveries will be left at the door that the participant indicates when they provide their address. For those in apartment buildings, lunches will be left outside the apartment door. If people can leave a chair or small table outside, that would be a help.



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls. Take Away Meals that are being offered during this State of Emergency are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program

We are also grateful for the gracious gift of volunteers from Smiths Falls and District Collegiate Institute who make meals on Saturdays possible.

People who prepare and people who serve have been confirmed to be of low risk for infection / transmission.

Conditions under which the food is prepared is consistent with best practices respecting COVID-19.

If you have been engaged in high risk activities - air travel, attendance at conferences, hospital / healthcare workers; you should not assist in the Community Meal Program(s).

The Outreach Team seeks donations for Brown Bags and Blessings -

- **Sandwich and Box Lunch Supplies** - Tuesday Morning

Let Betty Lou Kempt know at 613-291-0701

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Introit 359 "He Came Singing Love"

Call to Worship

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness will never overcome it.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

This is the Good News -

once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

This is the Good News – the grave is empty & Christ is risen.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God with Easter joy!

Prayer of Gathering

God of mystery and power,

We have heard the Good News of Easter and we are glad to be caught
up in its joy today.

Your love fills us with expectation.

Darkness will never overcome the light you shine in Christ Jesus.
Just as Jesus spoke to Mary in the garden that first Easter day,
you call each of us by name because you love us.

We are grateful for the hope we have in your resurrecting power,
embracing us this day.

So may we live our love for you gladly,
today and every day,

as we say with Easter joy, our hearts full of praise -

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Amen.

Hymn 155 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross, alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss. alleluia!

Hymns of joy then let us sing, Alleluia,
praising Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save! alleluia!

But the pains which he endured Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia,
where the angels ever sing. alleluia!

Learning with Children The Dawn of Realization

Extraordinary events are usually received with ordinary expectation.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

God of mystery,

We confess that faith doesn't come easy every Easter.

When we face loss in our own lives,

we sometimes lose track of the promise in Christ's resurrection.

Sorrow can weigh us down.

Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away.

Forgive us and let the joy of this day assure us

that the power of your love will never let us go.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

St John records Jesus' words -

“I do not call you servants any longer, but I have called you friends. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

Dear friends, Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us.

Let us rejoice in his redeeming, resurrecting love as we say with grateful hearts -

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (VU 837)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hal - le - lu - jah!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah! hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the treble staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the second measure of the second phrase. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Let Israel now say:

“God’s love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say:

“God’s love endures Forever.”

Let those who fear God say:

“God’s love endures forever.”

Refrain

God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of God does mighty things; the right hand of God raises up.

The right hand of God does mighty things.

I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.

God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death.

Refrain

Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God.

This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.

I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing, marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Refrain

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first,

also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn 175 "This Is The Day That God Has Made"

Refrain -

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright!

Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing!

Refrain -

Refrain -

Reflection The most extraordinary Gospel has the most ordinary Easter Sunday account...

Whose grave was it?

Put Jesus here for now.

He is out as soon as he can be removed.

Mary knew this, so she rushed to the tomb very early in the morning, while it was still dark.

The grave was donated not to own but as an expedient place to lay the body for now.

Mary was likely surprised not that the body had been moved but so soon...

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Whom do you ask, the Gardiner. Mary does not ask soldiers or chiefs, she asks an ordinary person at the periphery of power but in the middle of the work... The Gardener would have seen the events, he may have been asked to carry the body. Mary asks the person whom it was safe to approach. This is what she knew.

It was a difficult realization that this seeming stranger was Jesus... of course it was

This is what we do in uncertain times. We turn to that which is familiar and what we think we know, it is non threatening.

This includes the assumption that the person was the gardener. He would be the most familiar and least intimidating - she certainly would not want to meet an official or even, perhaps, the rich man who loaned the Tomb. Meeting Jesus alive ... well very far from familiar

“Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

This was just the beginning of resurrection realization.

It is like our response to COVID-19

Perhaps at first we thought, It's like a bad cold or flu. Perhaps we thought,

better to get it early and over with... Unless we are 80 or already ill.

Our expectations at first may not have been that high ... get through this, don't get sick, don't pass it on... This is all very normal... because it is what we thought we knew.

But Easter is extraordinary ...

As is our present circumstance...

We wonder about debts and deficits because this is what we are used to considering and debating.

Beyond this, we wonder -

How will the world change?

How will our community be transformed?

What new strengths and gifts will come out of this?

Perhaps, we, like Mary, can only utter "Raboni." While the full meaning of the resurrection is only beginning to dawn in the Disciples and our own hearts.

These are parts of our Resurrection story that will be revealed in its time. We wait, we hope, we trust.

On Easter Sunday Morning, we always meet for Communion. This is a normal thing we do. This is familiar. Even in an abnormal circumstance we find comfort in seeing our world and our faith as it was.

The table is set before us. It seems normal, it seems usual, perhaps this year, we will begin to discover in it - something extraordinary.

This is our first Communion feast in what will be an ongoing resurrection...

May we be prepared to let go of what we think we know so that we may be transformed into something we could not have before imagined...

Amen

Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May resurrection's God be with you!

And also with you!

This is the day to offer yourselves to God.

We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

Join in the glad songs of all creation this day.

Our voices praise the One who opens wide the gates of life.

When only emptiness stretched out,
you spoke at that time, Joyous God,
and goodness and beauty sprang forth:

swallows darting in the skies,
young rabbits scampering in the grass,
hippos splashing in rivers.

All this wonder and joy was your gift
to your children created in your image,
but we ran from your presence.

Time after time after time,
you sent the prophets to remind us
of your never-ending love, but
we chose to remain in sin's tomb,
the stone of our rebellion locking us away.

So you sent your grace made flesh so
we might not be given over to death.

With those who see and believe,
with those who stand and question,
we lift our Easter songs to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who has made this day!
All creation celebrates your constant love.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who is revealed on this morning.
Hosanna in the highest!

When he could have clung to your glory,
Jesus came amongst us,
so we might be filled with your grace.

He came to take us by the hand
to teach us a new way.

When our lives crumble around us
and we lie scattered on the ground,
he gathers us up, reshaping us.

When we were unable to free ourselves,
he was raised from the tomb
because you defeated the power of death.

As we stand before the empty tomb,
celebrating the great news of this day,
we would have that faith which is a mystery:

Christ died, so sin could not hold on to us;
Christ was raised, so death could not hold on to him;
Christ will come, to hold us in steadfast love and hope.

At this time, in this place,
pour out your Spirit upon your people
and on the gifts of the feast of the resurrection.

May the bread which is broken open like the tomb,
strengthen us so we may go
to rebuild shattered hopes,
to bind up the hurts of the world.

May the cup which is filled
with the fruits of your steadfast love,
nourish us to leave the shadows
of our fears and doubts
to stand with the lonely and forgotten,
to listen to the cries of the world.

And in that time to come,
when we will be gathered
with our sisters and brothers
of every place and of every moment,
we will sing your praises,
as you hold on to us forever. Amen.

Hymn 166 "Joy Comes With The Dawn"

Refrain -

*Joy comes with the dawn;
Joy comes with the morning sun,
Joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her song,
Joy comes with the dawn.*

Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night, when dark shadows cloud our sight.

Refrain -

Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song, and God's laughter makes us strong.

Refrain -

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise, to the One who brings us grace.

Refrain -

**We Respond to God's Word
Offering Ourselves
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

Invitation to Offering

On Easter Day, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and his rising.

As we present our gifts to God this morning, may our generosity reflect God's goodness to us, and the hope we have in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Trinity Needs Your Help

During these trying times, Trinity's life and work continues in many ways. While our Sunday services and many other things in our lives are on hold until further notice, and our building is closed, our staff and members are still active and operational costs continue.

There will be no opportunity for the regular collection of offerings each week, so Trinity needs you to share your gifts in a different way. We have 4 options:

1. Please visit the www.trinityunitedsf.ca and use the "DONATE" button. It takes you to CanadaHelps.org where you can make a safe and secure, one time or monthly donation as often as you want.
2. This may also be a good time to start using Pre-authorized Payments. The form for that is attached to this post and can be printed off and mailed to the church office at 41 Market Street / PO Box 28, Smiths Falls, K7A 2E7
3. We have also set up an e-transfer account to accept your donation. Please use secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca . Password not required. Please note your envelope number and amount allocated to general church expenses, M&S. and/or capital projects.
4. Of course you can always mail a donation to the church office at 41/ PO Box 28 Market Street, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7

If you require assistance or have any questions about making donations, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 613-283-4444 or by email at secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca.

Thank you.

Offertory "I Don't Know How To Love Him" (Lloyd Webber)

***Offering Hymn**

120 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" vs. 1

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
not wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

***Offering Prayer**

Generous God,

we thank you with grateful hearts,

recognizing how much you have given us in Christ and what
that gift has cost.

Bless the gifts we bring

so they may help spread the hope and joy we feel today in
the world you love so dearly.

In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of power and possibility, you broke open the tomb that held our Lord.

Now break into your church where your people are distracted by the
anxiety of COVID-19;

Physical Distancing,

Hand Washing,

Isolation,

Uncertainty.

Resurrect, renew and revive your church.

God of resurrection and new life, you broke into the hearts of Jesus' fearful
friends.

Now break into our relationships with one another.

Where they are vibrant and life-giving, nurture them.

Where they are strained by old hurts and misunderstandings,

or carelessly taken for granted,
Resurrect, renew and revive our life together.

God of might and mercy, you broke the schemes of those who stood in the way of your love.

Now break into the governance of your world.

Stir the minds and hearts of leaders to work for
safety, security and equitable sharing of the resources we
require to be safe amid COVID-19.

Resurrect, renew and revive the leaders of the world.

God of healing and hope, you broke the bonds of death which tried to shackle new life.

Now break into situations of illness, pain, grief, and loss.

Wherever people are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and
wherever someone mourns the loss of any relationship or dream,

Resurrect, renew and revive our lives

God of Easter Renewal and Resurrection, you have broken into our lives again this day.

Break into all our moments of celebration and joy.

Give us gratitude, the impulse to share, and
a spirit of grace and understanding.

Resurrect, renew and revive our souls and spirits.

Break into the circumstances, places, and lives we name in the silence of our hearts...

Resurrect, renew and revive your people.

Prayers conclude with:

We experience God in a relationship from which we draw strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; Father, Mother, Friend; may be expressed in the prayer Jesus taught us -

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever
Amen

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 352 "Lord Of The Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain -

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,

But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain -

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain -

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain -

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Refrain -

Benediction

Let us go with God into the world.

**We will offer healing and hope to all
who wander in the shadows of life.**

Let us go with Jesus to serve others.

**We will listen to the ignored;
we will speak out for the forgotten.**

Let us go with the Spirit to share steadfast love.

**We will hold on to the fallen;
we will rebuild shattered communities.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "Jesus Christ, Superstar" (Lloyd Webber)