

Psalm 29 Choral Reading

This is a very dramatic psalm describing God's majesty as seen in a powerful thunderstorm, perhaps even with a tornado, and maybe some earthquake thrown in for good measure. So read it with power and awe and drama! Give extra emphasis to words in bold and double emphasis to bold italics. Make decisions about changing the pace in places (faster or slower) depending on the mood. Same with volume. Words in brackets are suggested directions. Be aware of the pitch and tone to the readers' voices and try to match them to the sense of the words. There is no right or wrong choice, as long as you are making a conscious decision.

Remember that the point of this activity is bring the Word of God to life for the hearers. Do your best, have fun, and may God bless this and every reading from Holy Scripture.

ALL: [*boldly*] Ascribe to the LORD,
Voice 1 O heavenly beings,
ALL: [*boldly*] ascribe to the LORD
Voice 2 glory and **strength**.
ALL: [*boldly*] Ascribe to the LORD
Voice 3 the **glory** of his name;
ALL: [*reverently*] worship the LORD
Voice 4 in **holy** splendor.
ALL: [*booming*] The voice of the LORD
Voice 2 is over the waters;
Voice 4 the God of glory **thunders**,
Voice 1 the LORD, over mighty waters.
ALL: [*booming*] The voice of the LORD
Voice 3 is **powerful**;
ALL: [*booming*] the voice of the LORD
Voice 1&4 is full of **majesty**.
ALL: [*booming*] The voice of the LORD
Voice 2&3 **breaks** the cedars;
Voice 1 the LORD **breaks** the cedars of Lebanon.

Voice 3 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
Voice 4 and Sirion like a young wild ox.
ALL: The voice of the LORD
Voice 2 **flashes** forth flames of fire.
ALL: The voice of the LORD
Voice 1&2 **shakes** the wilderness;
Voice 3&4 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
ALL: The voice of the LORD
Voice 2 causes the **oaks** to whirl,
Voice 3 and **strips** the forest bare;
Voice 4 and in his temple all say,
ALL: [*slow, awe*] "Glory!"
{PAUSE}
Voice 1 The LORD sits enthroned
Voice 2&3 over the flood;
Voice 1 the LORD sits enthroned
Voice 3&4 as king forever.
Voice 2&4 May the LORD give strength to his people!
ALL: May the LORD bless his people with peace!