

## Thanksgiving choral reading

CHARACTERS: Paul (16), John (4), David (12), All

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 2 minutes/page

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: 2 Corinthians 9:10-12, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 3:15-17, 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Revelation 11:17, 1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 23-36; 29:10-18;

JOHN: We thank You, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was,

ALL: because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

DAVID: Give thanks to Yahweh; call on His name;

ALL: proclaim His deeds among the peoples.

DAVID: Sing to Him; sing praise to Him;

ALL: tell about all His wonderful works!

John & David & Paul: Honor His holy name;

DAVID: Let the hearts of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.

JOHN: Search for the Lord and for His strength;

ALL: seek His face always.

PAUL: Remember the wonderful works He has done

DAVID: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

ALL: Proclaim His salvation from day to day.

JOHN: Declare His glory among the nations,

ALL: His wonderful works among all peoples.

D For the Lord is great and highly praised;

ALL: He is feared above all gods.

PAUL: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

ALL: but the Lord made the heavens.

DAVID: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

ALL: strength and joy are in His place.

DAVID: Bring an offering and come before Him.

ALL: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness;

DAVID: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

ALL: His faithful love endures forever.

PAUL: Save us, God of our salvation; gather us and rescue us from the nations

ALL: so that we may give thanks to Your holy name and rejoice in Your praise.

JOHN: May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be praised

ALL: from everlasting to everlasting.

PAUL: May You be praised, Lord God

ALL: from eternity to eternity.

B: Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory

ALL: and the splendor and the majesty,

PAUL: for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to You.

ALL: Yours, Lord, is the kingdom,

B: You are exalted as head over all.

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ALL: Riches and honor come from You

PAUL: You are the ruler of everything.

ALL: Power and might are in Your hand

B: It is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

ALL: Therefore, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name.

DAVID: But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?

ALL: For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand

DAVID: We live before You as foreigners and temporary residents.

ALL: Our days on earth are like a shadow.

DAVID: Yahweh our God, all this wealth that we've provided for building You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand

ALL: Everything belongs to You.

DAVID: I know, my God, that You test the heart

ALL: You are pleased with what is right.

DAVID: I have willingly given all these things with an upright heart, and now I have seen Your people who are present here giving joyfully and willingly to You.

ALL: Lord God of our ancestors, keep this desire forever in the thoughts of the hearts of Your people, and confirm their hearts toward You.

PAUL: Now the One who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed

ALL: and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

PAUL: You will be enriched in every way for all generosity,

ALL: which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

PAUL: For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints,

ALL: but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.

PAUL: Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition

ALL: with thanksgiving,

PAUL: let your requests be made known to God.

ALL: And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

PAUL: Let the peace of the Messiah control your hearts.

ALL: Be thankful.

PAUL: Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you

ALL: teaching, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.

PAUL: And whatever you do, in word or in deed,

ALL: do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

PAUL: giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

ALL: Devote yourselves to prayer;

PAUL: stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

ALL: Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.