

A LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

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GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: This script is just as its name implies, a litany of praise and thanksgiving. While it was written to be performed by teenagers, it could be performed by a combination of teens and adults. It is a celebration of life and God.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 5

TOPIC: Church Life, Worship

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Psalm 95

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Youth Retreat, Youth Bible Study

CHARACTERS:

Reader 1 ~ A teenager; male or female

Reader 2 ~ A teenager; male or female

Reader 3 ~ A teenager; male or female

Reader 4 ~ A teenager; male or female

PROPS: none

COSTUMES: Contemporary clothing, appropriate to character. Depending on the setting in which the script is used, dress should represent a broad variety of teen "styles."

SOUND: Four wireless mikes

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Bare stage

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As lights come up, the four READERS are spread throughout the playing area.

READER 1: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD.

READER 3: Loud or soft, on-key or off,

READER 4: He loves to hear us.

READER 2: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

READER 4: Shout as loud as we want

READER 3: For our Savior loves our enthusiasm.

READER 1: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

READER 3: For we have much to be thankful for —

READER 4: Our life, our youth,

READER 2: Everything we have to live for.

READER 3: Our friends and family,

READER 2: All those who love us, teach us, befriend us.

READER 4: Our schools and homes

READER 2: For learning and growth and fun.

READER 3: Our present and future

READER 2: For the life we have now, and the excitement of things to come.

READER 1: Let us extol him with music and song.

READER 3: Play loudly, sing loudly, dance with joy and delight

READER 4: Because he loves us, and loves to hear us.

READER 3: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

READER 1: Nothing is greater than he is —

READER 2: Not money

READER 1: Or people

READER 2: Or governments