

Give to the Lord ye potentates

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 29

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CANTVS

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or Playnsong

BASSVS

Carleyl Tune

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Give to the Lord ye po - ten - tates, ye Ru - lers of the world:

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2. Give glory to his holy name,
and honour him alone:
Worship him in his majesty,
within his holy throne.

3. His voice doth rule the waters all,
even as himself doth please;
He doth prepare the thunderclaps,
and governs all the Seas.

4. The voice of God is of great force
and wondrous excellent:
It is most mighty in effect,
and most magnificent.

5. The voice of God doth rend and break
the Cedar trees so long
The Cedar trees of Libanus,
which are most high and strong.

6. And makes htem leap like as a cald
or else an Unicorn:
Not only trees, but mountains great
whereon the trees are born.

7. His voice divides the flames of fire,
and shakes the wilderness:
8. It makes the desert quake for fear,
that called is Cades.

9. It makes the Hinds for fear to calve,
and makes the covert plain:
Then in his Temple every man,
his glory doth proclaim.

10. The Lord was set above the floods
ruling the raging sea:
So shall he reign as Lord and King,
for ever and for aye.

11. The Lord will give his people power
in virtue to increase:
The Lord will bless his chosen folk
with everlasting peace.

Critical notes:

Editorial natural added in Cantus bar 2, note 6;
this setting is similar to the one of Psalm 79;
text somewhat modernised.